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Woody Crumbo Centennial Exhibit wows at History Center

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(Editor's note: Were he still with us, Citizen Potawatomi art legend Woody Crumbo would have been 100 years old on January 31, 2012. The Oklahoma History Center celebrated the centennial with an exhibit of a dozen of Crumbo's 'Dancer' paintings during February and a reception to open the exhibit on January 31st.)

Crumbo's Importance to Oklahoma

Woodrow Wilson Crumbo, better known as Woody Crumbo, was the youngest child of Alexander and Mary Hurd Crumbo. He was born January 31, 1912 on his mother's allotment near Lexington, Oklahoma. She was a French/Citizen Potawatomi, while his father was German. As a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member, Crumbo dedicated his life and talent to the sincere portrayal of American Indian thought and culture through his art. When Crumbo was just seven, his mother passed away. After this, he was sent to live with the Island and Willy Sapulpa families, both Muscogee Creeks living in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

It is from there that he boarded the train to attend Chilocco Indian School. The re-



Dancers perform the Scalp Dance at the reception on January 31 at the Oklahoma History Center to commemorate Woody Crumbo's 100th birthday. (Photo courtesy Chester Weems)

mainder of his education includes the American Indian Institute in Wichita, Kansas (where he graduated valedictorian of his class, under the tutelage of Dr. Henry Roe Cloud), University of Wichita (where

he worked with Thurlow Lieurance, famous composer of "By the Waters of Minnetonka"), and the University of Oklahoma, where he finished his art degree.

Crumbo was married to Lillian Faye Hogue, and they had two children - a daughter, Minisa Crumbo, and a son, Woody Max Crumbo.

Honors and Awards

While serving as Director of Art at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Crumbo designed and painted six murals in the Dept. of the Interior Building in Washington, D.C., and was then commissioned to paint a mural in the Nowata, Oklahoma Post Office, titled "The Rainbow."

In 1945, Crumbo won the Julius Rosenwald Foundation Fellowship - the first Oklahoman and first American Indian to re-

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Doris Christine Carlisle



Doris Christine Carlisle, longtime resident of Grainola, Oklahoma, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the Fairfax, Oklahoma hospital. She was 74 years old.

Christine was born on June 16, 1937 in Garden City, Kansas, the daughter of Herman Anderson and Ida Mills Anderson. She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and enjoyed the Family Reunion Festival every year. Family members believe that she missed just one of the CPN Pow Wows and Family Reunion Festivals from the late 1980s through 2011.

Mrs. Carlisle moved with her family to Denova at just six months old. Later, the family moved to Webb City, Oklahoma. She was a 1956 graduate of Shidler, Oklahoma High School.

She married William 'Bill' Carlisle on May 27, 1963 in Miami, Oklahoma. The couple established their home in Grainola. In earlier years, she was employed by a sewing factory in Pawhuska, Oklahoma then worked as a field clerk for the Oklahoma State Highway department before retiring in 1995.

She was a longtime member of the Grainola Methodist Church. She enjoyed such activities as watching her grandchild-

dren play sports and any time spent with her family members. She also enjoyed her church activities and senior citizens activities.

Mrs. Carlisle is survived by two sons, Wayne Carlisle of Webb City and Bill Carlisle and his wife, Chris, of Shidler; a daughter, Debbie Jackson of Grainola; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; a granddaughter, Montana Carlisle; a grandson, Kris Jackson; three brothers; and three sisters.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 2, 2012 in the Shidler High School auditorium, with Bill Long presiding. Interment followed in the maple city, Kansas cemetery. There was a lunch served at the Grainola Methodist Church following the burial. Arrangements were under the direction of Grace Memorial Chapel of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Casket bearers were grandsons and nephews: Tom Anderson, Ken Anderson, Samuel Carlisle, Jon Straud Carlisle, Walter Jackson, Clifford Jackson, Dan Ruth, and Jerry Ryan. Honorary casket bearers were Shawn Jones and Rylie Stevens.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Shidler Fire Department, 301 N. Cosden Ave., Shidler, OK 74652. Mrs. Carlisle's online guestbook can be signed at www.GraceMemorialChapel.net.

Patricia Anne Southall

May 5, 1931 - January 2, 2012

Patricia Anne Southall passed away at home on January 2, 2012 at the age of 80 after giving all her love and life to her family and loved ones. Patricia was the daughter of William Leo Callahan and Carrie Anne (Pappan).

Patricia graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Home Economics and was the Home Demonstration Agent in Cordell, Oklahoma. She also taught Home Economics in Barnsdall, Oklahoma and was a substitute teacher in Kansas.

Patricia was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian tribe. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cherryvale, Kansas. She enjoyed

playing bridge with friends. Patricia was known for her great cooking. Her family thought she was the best cook ever! Patricia was a loving mother and wife.



Patricia is survived by her husband, Wayne Southall, of Cherryvale; her three children, Sharon Jahn of Allen, Texas, William Southall of Cherryvale, and Kay Parks of Allen; and five grandchildren – Noah Jahn, Joshua Jahn, Kioko Jahn, Brandon Parks, and Cody Parks, all from Allen. Patricia is also survived by one niece, Billie Moehle of Woodstock, Illinois, and one great nephew, Paul Currell of Elk City, Oklahoma, and the children of Paul and Shonda Currell - Tiffany, Leslie, and Katie from Oklahoma.

Patricia rests in peace at the Lawnview cemetery in Cordell.

Norma Jean (Gregson) Catlege

Norma Jean (Gregson) Catlege was born on November 22, 1925, the daughter of Cora Livvix Gregson and George Arthur Gregson in Trousdale, Oklahoma, on her fa-



ther's Indian allotment. Her grandmother was Delila Bourassa. Norma was at home in Macomb with her family when she departed this life on May 30, 2011 at the age of 85.

She is survived by her husband and love of her life of 65 years, Wyman Catlege; her four daughters, Sharon Catlege, Donna Johnson, Marjorie Atteberry, and Patti Catlege; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; her brother, Glen A. Gregson; and many nieces and nephews.

Norma grew up in Trousdale, one of 12 children known as the "Dirty Dozen." She graduated as valedictorian of her high

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school class there.

Norma's family was the most important thing in her life. She loved cooking, sewing, and making jewelry for her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We knew she was happy as she hummed songs while she cooked. She welcomed all of us with a "Hi, Honey." She offered her beautiful smile each time we visited. She enjoyed square-dancing with her husband and going on trail rides in a covered wagon with him. She was always by his side.

One of her great pleasures was having all of her family together for a roast dinner on Sundays, just like her mother did.

She would make biscuits and gravy for her grandchildren for breakfast when they came to stay with her, and made homemade cookies, cakes, and pies. For our birthdays, she would make our favorite cakes. She always made our trips to her house special.

Anyone who visited her house, she made feel like family as well, greeting them the same way she did her family. She would call them "Honey" as well and give them a hug and make sure to tell them to be sure to come back and see them. Norma was a very special person in all of her family members' and friends' lives.

She taught us many things that we will always hold close to us and remember for the rest of our lives. It is with great sorrow and love that we said good-bye to her on May 30, 2011. She will be greatly missed by all of her family.

Graveside services were held on May 31, 2011 in Wanette Cemetery. She will be truly missed by all her family.

Patricia J. (DeGraff) Brown

Patricia Joan (DeGraff) Brown, 80, of Meriden, Kansas, died on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. She was born on October 18, 1931 at Rossville, Kansas, the daughter of Charles E. and Alice C. (Stump) DeGraff.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Brown.

Eight children survive. They are Cindy Hickman, Jack Fleer Jr., Juanita Haynes, Terry Fleer, Marcia Cope, Cheryle Sanders, David Reed, and Laura Reed. Mrs. Brown is also survived by three sisters, Bonnie Thomas, Vera Sickling, and Doll Heiland; 26 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2012 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 235 NW Inde-



pendence Ave., Topeka, KS. Interment was at Rossville Cemetery.

Almon E. Henson

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Almon E. Henson, prominent Shawnee attorney and original member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court, died on March 9, 2012, at a Shawnee-area hospital. He was born on March 3, 1919, the son of Josephine Letha McCoy and Charles Thomas Henson in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

The family left Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl days to find work, ultimately living in Arizona and California and working in migrant camps while living in tents. Almon attended the University of Oklahoma and East Central University where he received a Teacher's Certificate. He served as the principal of the two-room Crossroads School in Garvin County, 1940-1942, teaching his younger brother and friends.

He served in the military, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant with the 8th Army Air Corps stationed in England. He was hand-picked as one of 15 from 15,000 soldiers to serve in the Air Technical Intelligence, where he headed the clerical team that catalogued intelligence information found by the scout teams in Germany.

Almon married Helen Gertrude McElmurry on June 7, 1946. They had two children, Roger and Karen. After 42 happy years of marriage, Helen preceded him in death. He married Marjorie Caldwell Henson on October 28, 1989, and they spent 22 wonderful years together.

Almon attended OU Law School, graduating in 1948. He practiced law for 57 years in Shawnee, retiring from full time



practice in 2005 at the age of 85. During that period, he served as County Attorney, President of Oklahoma Association of County Attorneys, President of Pottawatomie County Bar Association, and President of Kiwanis Club of Shawnee. He served as a Special Justice on the Oklahoma Court of Appeals on several occasions as well as serving as a Justice for the Supreme Court of the Citizen Potawatomi and Iowa tribes of Oklahoma. For a number of years, he was Pottawatomie County Election Board Secretary in addition to his law practice.

He was also a member of the Cattle-men's Association, and he served for 34 years as counsel for Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative. Almon was a member of the OBU Athletic Association and was an avid OBU basketball supporter. He was a member of the OBU President's Council for more than 20 years.

Almon was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen McElmurry Henson, and his sister, Charlene Yancey.

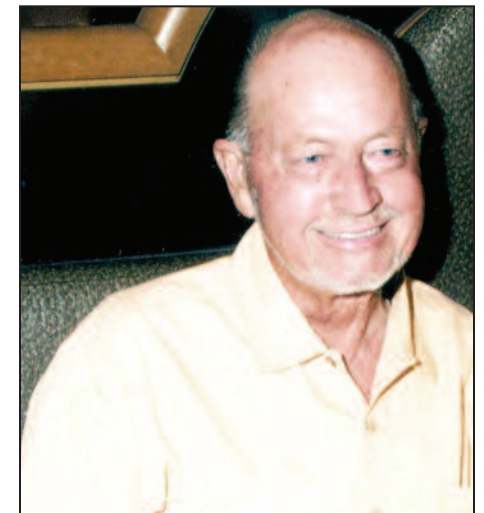
He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Caldwell Henson; his son, J. Roger Henson; his wife, Robbie Helmich Henson; his daughter, Karen Henson Marshall and her husband, James R. Marshall, Betty Caldwell Romine and her husband, Wes Romine, and Robbie Caldwell Grimes. His grandchildren include Rebecca Henson Matthews, Jason Henson, Mike Henson, Kimberly Marshall, Scott Marshall, Benjamin Henson, Anna Henson, Van Romine, Aleta Grimes Dumond, and Malissa Grimes Amundson. He is also survived by great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was conducted at 10

a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at First Baptist Church of Shawnee. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012 at Walker Funeral Service.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Shawnee building fund or Oklahoma Baptist University Vision for the Future campaign. Online condolences may be made at www.walkerfuneral.com.

Theodore Abram Francis



Theodore Abram 'Ted' Francis passed away at his home in Wildomar, California with his wife, Pamela Francis, and his children at his side. He passed on Saturday, December 3, 2011, marking his 71st birthday. Ted was born on December 3, 1940 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After high school, Ted went to work for F.W. Woolworth Co. in Sacramento, California. Learning every aspect of the restaurant business, he went into management and was given the opportunity to hire and train hundreds of people while opening many new stores. Woolworth merged with Burger King, and Ted was given the position of District Manager. At the time of his retirement, he was the Regional Manager and had often travelled across the United States.

After his retirement, he spent a lot of his time fishing and camping with his family and friends. He loved the outdoors and being out in the sun. Like many hard-working people, staying retired was out of the question for Ted. He and his wife, Pamela, started a pool service business called Four Seasons Pool and Spa. Ted was a hard-

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working man; he worked until the day he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

He was a loving husband, a wonderful brother, the best father ever, and a spunky grandfather. Ted was very proud of his Citizen Potawatomi heritage and loved to answer questions and retell stories to his children and grandchildren.

Ted Francis was preceded in death by his mother, Agnes Marion Francis Pearce, the daughter of Theodore Abram Pearce and the great-great granddaughter of Chief Abram Burnett. He was also preceded in death by his sisters Anita Lint and Vinita Blankenship.

Ted is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Pamela Francis, and his children, Leslie Francis and Julie Aguilar, Ann Francis, Rhonda and Paul Poutre, and Kerry Westfall. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Darren Benigno, Ian, Abram, and Aaron Salles, and Ashley and Kaitlyn Poutre. Those grandchildren loved to sit in Ted's office and admire his collection of Native American books and artifacts. Ted is survived by his sister Geneva Warner and brother-in-law Don Warner; cousins Patsy Craig and Paul Courington; and nephews Ernest Bolin, Ronald Bolin, and Jack Martin.

He will be forever missed.

Douglas Millstid



Douglas LaJuan Millstid of Iowa Park, Texas passed from this life on Monday, March 12, 2012 in Decatur, Texas. His Home-going Celebration was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at Life Tabernacle Church in Wichita Falls, Texas with Pastor Gene Holley Jr. officiating. Viewing began at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Dutton Funeral Home in

Iowa Park, Texas. Visitation was held prior to the service, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Graveside Services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Cleburne, Texas. Services were under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home in Iowa Park.

Doug was born on December 13, 1951 in Athens, Texas, the son of the Rev. Burl and Gay Dean Millstid. Doug was a man of many talents. His voice was beautiful, and many Millstid family singings began with him singing "Whatever I Think Christ To Be" or "The Lighthouse."

He was an artist, leaving behind some paintings of his own for some to treasure. He enjoyed carpentry and has blessed many with this talent. But, his most loved gift was humor. Regardless of the situation, he would have something funny, witty, or sarcastic to interject. He was the Millstid family entertainer. This along with his beautiful smile they will miss the most.

He is survived by three children, Tiffany Dawn Millstid-Dixon of Trinity, Texas; Jeremy Douglas Millstid, and Dustin Ryan Millstid and wife Jennifer of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Kayla Dawn Millstid and Daylon Marcell Dixon of Trinity; his parents, Rev. Burl and Gay Dean Millstid of Iowa Park; two brothers, Burl Millstid and wife Judy of Haltom City, Texas, and Donnie Millstid of Trinity; two sisters, Gayla Hardin and husband Greg of Comanche, Texas and Judy Davis and husband Jimmy of Conroe, Texas; along with five nieces and seven nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother Jerry Millstid.

In keeping with his Citizen Potawatomi Indian heritage, which he was so proud of: Today, Doug "Walks On."

Frances Ann Smith

Frances Ann Smith was born on August 26, 1934 in Lexington, Oklahoma, the daughter of Cecil and Anna Marsee. She grew up in the Noble, Oklahoma area and graduated from Noble High School. She met her future husband Walter Smith at the Norman, Oklahoma skating rink and was soon married - on September 27, 1954. They moved to California and lived there until 1974, when they moved back to Noble.

In 1968, Frances Smith became inter-



Frances Smith's family provided two photos of her posing with members of four other generations of her family. In the top photo, Frances is third from left. From left are Anna Merel Higbee Marsee, Frances' mother; Hattie Higbee, Frances' grandmother; Jim Winkelman, Frances' grandson; and Cynthia (Winkelman) Davis, Frances' daughter.

In the bottom photo, Frances is at the right. Daughter Cynthia Davis is at top and granddaughter Holly Winkelman is at left. Her mother, Anna Marsee, is in front of Frances and her great-grandson, Cory Jennings, is in the baseball uniform. Frances' father Cecil Marsee is seated beside Anna.

ested in the Jehovah's Witnesses and dedicated her life to Jehovah. She was baptized in 1970. She was very zealous and enjoyed being involved in the ministry. Even while in the nursing home, she found ways to talk to those around her about the truths she found in the Bible. It was this zeal and love for Jehovah that influenced her zest for life and her positive outlook for the future.

Frances loved her family and friends with all her heart, and they will miss being able to talk to her. She will be remembered

for her outgoing and generous personality. She never met a stranger.

She is survived by her four children, Cynthia, Aaron, Clint, and Denise. Cynthia (Cyndi) has three children: Jim, Tim and his wife Rhonda and their daughter Ryan Hollis and her sons Cory and C.J., and Aaron and his wife Dinah, and their daughter Avian and her husband Josh, son Hollis, and expected child. Clint and his wife Debbie have two sons, Ethan and Brad. Denise has two children, Courtney and Cody. Also surviving are Frances' sister Norma Edmondson; brother, Marvin Marsee and his wife Jean; brother-in-law Lewis Bugher; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by husband Walter; mother and father, Cecil and Anna Marsee; and sister Vondell Bugher.

Arville L. Hull



Arville L. Hull was born on Saturday, December 20, 1947 in Fulton, Missouri, the son of Donald and Belle (Young) Hull. Arville was living in Derby, Kansas at the time of his move to Pomona, in Franklin County, Kansas in 1965, where he made his home until his death on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at the age of 64 years.

Arville graduated from Pomona High School with the class of 1966. He was a lifelong construction worker, and was employed as a construction foreman for D. M.

Ward Construction of Olathe, Kansas, from the mid-1980s until retirement in 2006. In the late 1960s, he worked for Sunflower Ammunition Plant of DeSoto, Kansas.

Arville served in the United States Army from November 7, 1967 until July 20, 1972. He served as a combat engineer in Vietnam, receiving several awards, including the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the Citizen of Potawatomi Nation and Local No. 1290 Labor Union of Kansas City, Missouri.

Arville was a devoted husband, father, and uncle, who loved spending time with his family. He also loved his dogs and enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, and mowing.

On June 17, 1972, Arville was united in marriage with Judy Flager in Pomona, Kansas. She survives him. He is also survived by his son, Bryan Hull and his fiancée, Brianne Roberts, of Pomona; daughter, Ashley Hull and her companion, Micheal Cooperwood, of Shawnee, Kansas; sister, Deloris McKinley and her husband, Red, of Vilonia, Arkansas; brother, Willie Hull and his wife, Cindy, of Clearwater, Kansas; sister-in-law, Jeannette Flager of Pomona, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Belle Hull; sister, Shirley Gibson; nephews, Clint and Chris Hull; brother-in-law, Max Flager; and father- and mother-in-law, Floyd and Forna Flager.

Dorothy E. Hill



Dorothy E. Hill, 68, of Derry, Pennsylvania died on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born on May 25, 1942 in North Car-

olina, a daughter of the late Grace Lewis Weld.

Dorothy was a former employee of the Derry Area School District. She was a great mom who loved life, family, and being a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by a sister, Georgia Pittman.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband, Richard D. Hill; her two sons, Richard D. Hill Jr. and his wife Sue of Apollo, Pennsylvania and Timothy D. Hill and his wife Michelle of Derry; her three daughters, Sharon L. Plantine and her husband Mark of Bradenville, Pennsylvania, Lisa D. Smith and her husband Jeffrey of Derry, and Stacy L. Roscoe and her husband DeWilliam of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania; a brother, Glenn Weld and his wife Joyce of Gainesville, Georgia; three sisters, Francis Campbell of Candor, North Carolina, Carla Moss of Wilson, North Carolina, Wynell Shaw of Troy, North Carolina, her twin, Geraldine Ferry and her husband Fred of Grafton, Massachusetts, and Barbara Phillips of Mt. Olive, North Carolina; eight grandchildren, Michael and Katie Hill, Amanda, Lindsay, Nicholas, and Laura Plantine, Timothy Hill Jr., and Brenton Piper; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends were received on Monday, February 27, 2012 at the McCabe Funeral Home, 300 W. Third, Derry. A funeral service was conducted there at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28. Private interment was made in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Derry Township Volunteer Fire Department conducted a funeral service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27 at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be left at www.McCabeFuneralHomes.com.

Florena Gale Blackwood

Florena Gale Blackwood, 88, passed away on February 17, 2012, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She was born on May 9, 1923, in Louisville, Kansas, the daughter of James Henry Farley and Jenettie Jane Holloway Farley. Florena was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Konawa, Oklahoma, before moving to Chickasha in 2005.

Florena was a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Konawa and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Her



Potawatomi ancestors include the following: her mother, Jenettie Jane Holloway Farley; her grandmother, Emily Adelaide Melot Holloway; her great-grandmother, Theresa Navarre Melot; and her great-great-grandmother, Angelique Kechenchoway.

Florena married Winkle Allen Flowers in Farris, Oklahoma, in July 1939. This marriage ended in divorce, and Winkle preceded her in death in 1968. She married Oral Brown 'Mackie' Blackwood in Fort Smith, Arkansas on August 9, 1952. Mackie preceded her in death in 1981. She was also preceded in death by her parents; all of her siblings; three of her children (Florena 'Sue' Blackwood Graham, Jerry Ray Flowers, and Don Allen Flowers); two grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Survivors include five children, Elva Flowers Moore, James L. Flowers, Jackie W. Flowers and his wife Tresa, Ramona Blackwood Soos and her husband John, and Thelma Blackwood Collinsworth and her husband Dale; daughter-in-law Drinda Flowers; and niece Lorena Rector. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grand-child.

We are all thankful for the life of our beloved mother and grandmother. Her loss will be felt for years to come. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers were Jackie W. Flowers, Thomas G. Flowers, Thomas J. Payne, Andy R. Smith, Michael J. Smith, and John A. Soos.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the

Pentecostal Holiness Church in Konawa, under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home. The Rev. Mona Fulks officiated. Burial followed at the Wanette, Oklahoma Cemetery.

John L. Cook



John L. Cook was born on March 12, 1954, the son of John and Shirley Cook, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He passed away peacefully on February 1, 2102 in Clearlake, California. He was 57 years old.

John graduated from Napa, California High School in 1972. He worked as a cement mason and heavy equipment operator. On October 20, 1990, John married Karin Cook. John was devoted to his entire family.

John is survived by his wife, Karin; children, Vanessa Vicino of Medford, Oregon, Joshua Cook of San Francisco, Benjamin Drew of San Diego, Johnny Cook of Clearlake, and Thomas Cook of Clearlake; and grandchildren Melanie, Kaylee, and Ayden.

Julia LaClair



MAYETTA, Kansas - Julia G. (Eteeyan) LaClair/Kwe wah quah, 96, of Mayetta, Kansas passed away on March 31,

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2012 at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas. She was born on May 15, 1915 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta, the daughter of Steven and Gertrude Inez 'Birdie' (Cunningham) Eteeyan.

Julia attended government (BIA) schools in Chilocco, Oklahoma and Geneva, Oklahoma. She retired from the Stormont Vail Hospital dietary department after 20 years. Julia was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a life member of the Sullivan Indian Methodist Chapel and Shawnee County Allied Tribes, and a member of Stormont Vail Retirees.

She was an avid "Pow-Wower" and helped co-found the annual Pow-Wow that is held at Shawnee Lake. She was a youth volunteer in the USD #501 Native American Education program for many years. She was an Honored Elder at Pow-wows many times, and was honored at Golden Eagle Casino by the Prairie Band Elders and staff. She was also the oldest elder among the Citizen Potawatomis in Kansas. She was an avid Kansas University sports fan; many called her KU Mom. She loved her culture and enjoyed family gatherings.

She married George James LaClair on July 2, 1935. They later divorced.

Survivors include two sons, Floyd LaClair and his wife Sarah of Topeka and George 'Smokey' LaClair of Mayetta; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Wake services were held on the evening of Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Nozhackum Brave Dance Building (8362 158th Rd., Mayetta). Burial was on the morning of Friday, April 4, 2012 in the Danceground Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Julia LaClair Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

Vera B. Sicking

Vera B. Sicking, 92, of Topeka, Kansas died on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Plaza West. She was born on January 26, 1920 in Rossville, Kansas, the daughter of Charles E. and Alice C. (Stum) DeGraff.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was retired from W.F.

Grant Department Store. She married Robert H. Sicking on December 18, 1956 in Newkirk, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1983.

Mrs. Sicking is survived by two sisters, Bonnie Thomas of Silver Lake, Kansas and Dolly Heiland of Rossville.

A graveside service was held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Rossville Cemetery. A Rosary was performed at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 N.W. Independence Ave., Topeka. Vera lay in state after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12 at the funeral chapel, where her family received guests and friends from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic church, 227 S.W. Van Buren, Topeka, KS 66603. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

James Henry Wade

James Henry Wade, 88, of Topeka, Kansas died on Friday, April 6, 2012, at Rossville, Kansas Health Center. He was born on December 31, 1923, at Rossville, the son of Edna B. (Lemon) and Benjamin F. Wade, Sr.

Mr. Wade graduated from Silver Lake, Kansas High School. Jim managed the Spears Farm north of Rossville until he moved to Topeka and started working at Goodyear. He was a member of Northland Christian Church, Lake Lodge #50, AF & AM, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Jim married Betty Anne Edwards on August 4, 1946, at Emporia, Kansas. She preceded him in death on December 5, 2005. He was also preceded in death by siblings: Homer, William, Donice, and Benjamin Jr. Surviving are a brother, Thomas F. Wade Sr. of Silver Lake; a sister, Clara M. George and her husband Donny of Trenton, Missouri; special friends: Larry & Chris Cox of Houston, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence Ave., Topeka. Interment was in Rossville Cemetery. Lake Lodge #50, AF & AM, conducted Masonic Services. Jim lay in state after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at the funeral chapel.



Memorial contributions may be made to Northland Christian Church, 3102 N.W. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66617 or Midland Hospice, 200 S.W. Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606-2800. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

Frances Weld Campbell

Troy, North Carolina - Frances Weld Campbell, 83, of Troy, North Carolina died on Monday, March 5, 2012 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Funeral Service were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012 at Macedonia Presbyterian Church with Rev. Matthew Baker officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.

Born on June 13, 1928 in Moore County, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Ernest and Grace Lewis Weld. She was a dietitian at Samarkand Manor and the valedictorian of the Biscoe High School class of 1945. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Campbell, in 1992, her parents, and two sisters, Jean Pittman and Tinky Hill.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by two sons, Larry Campbell and his wife Donna of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina and Phillip Campbell and his wife Sue of Garner, North Carolina; a daughter, Susan Watkins and her husband Chris of Troy; a brother, Glen Weld of Georgia; four sisters, Carley Moss and Barbara Phillips, both of Wilson, North Carolina, Geraldine Ferry of Massachusetts, and Wynell Shaw of Troy; six Grand-



children; and six great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 at Briggs-Candor Funeral Home and other times at the residence of Susan Watkins in Troy.

Memorials may be made to Macedonia Presbyterian Church, PO Box 340, Candor, NC 27229. Online condolences may be left at www.BriggsFuneralHome.com.

Hannah Lynne Kerkove



Hannah Lynne Kerkove, daughter of Dave and Tammy Kerkove, died on January 28, 2012 at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, 10 days before her scheduled delivery date of February 7, 2012. She was a perfect little angel, and we look forward to being together again.

She is survived by her parents; brothers, Caleb and Joshua; grandparents, Leroy and Connie Hull and Francis and Helen Kerkove; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was buried at the English River Church of the Brethren Cemetery on February 3. A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012 at Pan-

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Tennessee QB Tyler Bray visits dog-mauling victim

CPN MEMBER'S CLASSROOM VISIT BRIGHTENS STUDENT'S DAY

by Natalie Neysa Alund

Knoxville, Tennessee News Sentinel

NEWPORT, Tenn. - When the college quarterback stepped into Brandon Williams' fifth-grade classroom Friday, the boy said it took a few seconds for him to register who the athlete was. But when the 6-foot, 6-inch, 208-pound University of Tennessee player approached Brandon as he sat at his kid-sized metal desk inside Bridgeport Elementary School, the boy's eyes grew bright.

It was Tyler Bray. And he was there for one reason: To meet Brandon, an 11-year-old blue-eyed boy who lost his ears and nearly his life last year following a vicious dog attack outside his Newport home. "What's up, Brandon?" Bray said as he gently placed an autographed football on Brandon's desk.

"Nice jersey," the quarterback said, pointing to the bright orange No. 8 shirt the unsuspecting Brandon had picked out to wear to school Friday morning. Bray then plopped down on the ground beside the boy, whose eyes by now were the size of saucers.

On Aug. 3, the frail, slender boy lay on a table in the emergency room at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville as about a half-dozen doctors and surgeons worked to keep him alive. A female pit bull mix shredded his face and neck that day, barely missing his jugular vein. She ripped his left arm and hand to pieces.

Since then, the dog has been euthanized, its owners have been prosecuted, and Brandon has attempted to go back to his normal routine, returning to school among other things.

Bray said the boy's resilient comeback caught his eye, so he wanted to meet him. "I knew (the attack) wasn't good and that he probably needed someone to come visit," Bray said.

At first it was small talk between the two on the afternoon of Friday, February 17. They compared shoe size (14 versus 2) and height (Brandon is more than 2 feet shorter than Bray). They talked about football. Brandon plans to play running back during the next school year.

"You fast?" Bray asked. "Yes," Brandon replied. "Faster than me?" Brandon shook



CPN member Tyler Bray, the University of Tennessee quarterback, camps out alongside fifth-grader Brandon Williams' desk during a visit to the youngster's Newport, Tennessee classroom.

his head from right to left and giggled.

Bray also asked about Brandon's mother, Christy Williams. She's been hospitalized since late last month and was diagnosed this week with advanced lupus, an autoimmune disorder that affects the kidneys and brain among other organs. Brandon shrugged his shoulders and quietly said, "OK, I guess."

The two soon bonded after learning they shared some common ground: their scars. When Brandon held out his left arm and showed Bray his war wounds, the quarterback gently ran his finger down one of the boy's scars. "I've got one, too," Bray said, then placed his right hand next to Brandon's arm and pointed to a four-inch scar. "I broke my thumb. I've got a plate and seven screws in there." Brandon smiled.

Bray broke the finger this past season during UT's game against the University of Georgia.

In a quick Q & A session with Brandon's classmates, the students asked Bray if he watched WWE wrestling (Yes) and who his favorite baseball player is (Nolan Ryan).

"They were so excited," said Bridgeport Elementary Principal April Cody. "We're just so happy he thought of him." So was

Brandon. "I was like, 'Oh, my gosh' in my head," Brandon said about seeing Bray. "It took me a second to figure out who he was."

"It's OK," Bray responded. "Most people don't recognize me without a helmet on. It must have been the beard." "Yeah, that's it," Brandon chuckled. "The beard."

Outside the classroom Brandon and Bray tossed an orange football in the grass outside the school's main entrance. Brandon, who doctors say has made impressive strides since the attack, dove into the grass for the ball a few times. He was out of breath by the end of the session. "That was the best part," he said, trying to catch his breath.

Bray was happy to oblige. "It put a smile on his face," he said as Brandon hugged him and thanked him for the visit. "It got him out of school, so I know he was real happy about that."



In the top two photos, QB Bray shows his passing form in a game of schoolyard catch with Brandon Williams and Williams' classmates. In the bottom photo, the love flows as Bray elevates Williams for a hug.

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House Approves Native American Liaison Bill

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma state lawmakers voted on March 13, 2012 to increase the number of individuals qualified to serve as Native American Liaison to the office of Governor of Oklahoma. Current law states, “Any person appointed to the position of Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall be an American Indian of at least one-fourth blood.”

House Bill 2563, authored by state Rep. Paul Wesselhöft (R-Moore), would change the qualification so that the Native American Liaison merely has to be “a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe” possessing “valid proof of membership.” Rep. Wesselhöft is a Citizen Potawatomi nation member and a member of the CPN Legislature.

“To institute a blood-degree requirement duplicates the past discriminatory practices of the federal government,” Wesselhöft said. “The federal government typically set an arbitrary blood-percentage requirement to institute an artificial definition of an Indian and ultimately deny treaty obligations. The state of Oklahoma should not take that path.”

“Most tribes rely on the historic 1893 Dawes Rolls to ascertain membership in a tribal nation,” Wesselhöft said. “If one is directly related to an Indian listed on the



Rep. Paul Wesselhöft poses on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Dawes Rolls, then that person qualifies as an Indian. It is appropriate that the state take its lead from tribal government in this regard.”

Wesselhöft said imposing any blood degree requirement to obtain a state government job is “discriminatory and ultimately destructive.”

“The blood-degree requirement is designed to punish the children of intermarriage and echoes the worst parts of our civil rights history,” Wesselhöft said. “We should

celebrate the diversity of our culture in Oklahoma, not set artificial requirements on what makes someone a ‘true’ Native American.”

The position of Oklahoma Native American Liaison was created last session to replace the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. The position has not been filled by the governor. Wesselhöft plans to author a bill to make the liaison position a cabinet post.

House Bill 2563 passed the Oklahoma House of Representatives on a 62-19 vote. It now proceeds to the state Senate.

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ther Creek Church of the Brethren in Adel, Iowa. Visitation was from 5 p.m. until service time on February 6 at the church. McCalley Funeral Home in Adel handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the church in Adel.

Ronald Dean Anderson



Ronald D. Anderson, 68, longtime resident of Wiggins, Colorado went to be with our Lord on March 3, 2012. He was surrounded by his family, at the inpatient Hospice unit at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colorado.

Ronald was born on September 6, 1943, the son of Herman Jr. and Mary Edith (Smith) Anderson. He joined the United States Air Force in January 1961, serving

his country for eight years.

Ronald married Violetta Japhet on May 18, 1961 in Eads, Colorado. Their services years were spent at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York; Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; and Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts. In 1969, he moved himself and his family to Wiggins. He went to work for the Wiggins Telephone Association as a lineman. He retired from there in 2004 as the Plant Manager, with 35 years of service. After retiring he became a Board Member of the Wiggins Telephone Association.

Ronald joined the American Legion and was a continuous member for 42 years. During that time, he held many offices. He was also a member of the Masons Oasis #67 Lodge. Ronald was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma. He enjoyed camping and fishing with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years and two daughters, Kathy and Daniel Ogden and Teresa and Jerry Kirk; and five grandchildren, Levi Kirk, Danne Ogden, Frank Ogden, Treavor Kirk, and Wayne Ogden.

He was preceded in death by his father, four brothers, Bobby, Jerry, David, and Jimmie; and one sister, Susan; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law.



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Pottawatomie County

1. CP-42 (821 42) - 80.00 - Annie Kahdot - An undivided 1/1 restricted interest in the SE/4 NW/4 & SW/4 NE/4 of Section 28, Township 06 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
2. CP-50 (821 50) - 80.00 - Thomas Nona - An undivided 29/36 restricted interest in the SE/4 NW/4 & SW/4 NE/4 of Section 19, Township 06 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
3. P-62-E (821 62 E) - 30.00 - Josette Bennett - An undivided 1913/2160 restricted interest in the E/2 NE/4 NW/4 & E/2 W/2 NE/4 NW/4 of Section 17, Township 06 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
4. CP-97 (821 97) - 80.00 - Clarissa Mars - An undivided 146/165 restricted interest in the E/2 NW/4 of Section 7, Township 06 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
5. CP-219 (821 219) - 24.73 - Alexander Rhodd - An undivided 2053/2450 restricted interest in Lot 03 = E/2 S/2 SE/4 NE/4 & S/2 S/2 SW/4 NE/4 of Section 33, Township 08 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
6. CP-395-C (821 395 C) - 40.00 - Pean-ish or Peter Curley - An undivided 24715/31104 restricted interest in the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 4, Township 06 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
7. CP-S-697 (821 S 697) - 80.00 - Pos-so-ship-she-wa-no - An undivided 91919/129360 restricted interest in the N/2 NW/4 of Section 28, Township 06 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
8. CP-748 (821 748) - 40.00 - Joseph Lewis Acton - An undivided 1/1 restricted interest in the N/2 N/2 SW/4 of Section 31, Township 09 North, Range 05 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.
9. CP-806 (821 806) - 80.00 - Ellen Cummings - An undivided 102287/126000 re-

stricted interest in the W/2 SE/4 of Section 36, Township 08 North, Range 04 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.

10. CP-809 (821 809) - 80.00 - Frank Davis - An undivided 1/1 restricted interest in the N/2 NE/4 of Section 15, Township 07 North, Range 04 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.

11. CP-857 (821 857) - 160.00 - Zoa Denton - An undivided 15383/28800 restricted interest in the SE/4 of Section 1, Township 07 North, Range 04 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.

12. CP-S-945 (821 S 945) - 320.00 - Joseph Welch - An undivided 3896/6075 restricted interest in the N/2 of Section 20, Township 06 North, Range 03 East Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, OK.

Cleveland County

13. CP-367 (821 367) - 80.00 - Peter Tescier - An undivided 275777/403200 restricted interest in the NE/4 NW/4 & NW/4 NE/4 of Section 23, Township 07 North, Range 01 East Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, OK.

****Item Nos. 9 & 10 make up 1 allotment but will be split into 2 Farming & Grazing Leases****

14. CP-900 (T1) (821 900 T1) - 10.00 - Madeline Denton - An undivided 193/270 restricted interest in the E/2 SE/4 SW/4 SE/4 & W/2 SW/4 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 6, Township 07 North, Range 01 East Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, OK.

15. CP-900 (T2) (821 900 T2) - 80.00 - Madeline Denton - An undivided 193/270 restricted interest in the E/2 NE/4 of Section 7, Township 07 North, Range 01 East Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, OK.

16. CP-C-133 (821 C 133) - 80.00 - John Phelps - An undivided 1/1 restricted interest in the E/2 NE/4 of Section 33, Township 09 North, Range 01 East Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, OK.

17. CP-C-135 (821 C 135) - 40.00 - William Phelps - An undivided 1/2 restricted interest in the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 34, Township 09 North, Range 01 East Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, OK.

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Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

As I write, this is February 14 - St. Valentine's Day, and what a beautiful day it is. The sky is blue from horizon to horizon. The sun is shining brightly on our first major snow of the year. I look out my patio door and see the black leafless trees against the deep blue sky with the white snow lying on their branches and am reminded of a poem learned in my childhood. One line goes: "Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who lives intimately with rain." This is from the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. What can I say? It is a beautiful day.

Recently, received an "E" mail from a District #1 tribal member, Tony Ferguson, about an award he had won. Mr. Ferguson is a professional engineer. The award he won was for technical excellence. It reads "AISES' 2011 technical excellence award goes to Tony Ferguson (Citizen Potawatomi Nation) Mr. Ferguson works for 3M as lead engineer specialist. He has served in their engineering analysis group for 22 years. And is an expert in coating systems and proprietary dies for ubiquitous household products, such as tapes, adhesives, and films, directly contributing significant competitive marketplace advantage to his corporation. Mr. Ferguson has amassed a broad portfolio of expertise in computer hardware/software and network integration and is a corporate-level expert in engineering analysis and modeling. Strongly committed to education, Mr. Ferguson has provided important leadership and advocacy for the AI/AN (American Indian/Alaska Native) community within his corporation as a Native American council member, Minority Engineering Scholarship Program, and a recruiter and mentor for 3M. He received his M.S., Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University." (AISES is the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.)

So for all you students in the STEM (sci-



ence, technology, engineering, and math) fields, or those of you who are undecided, this web site www.aises.org might be of interest to you. Over a period of 28 years, AISES has awarded more than \$8.7 million cumulatively in scholarship support to 4,924 AI/AN students.

I just returned from Shawnee after a short visit and was absolutely amazed at all the projects in the works and the progress being made. The Events Center is nearing completion and what a facility and asset it will be for the Nation. I also visited the Aviary site and it is progressing nicely. We will soon have eagles, making it another great site to visit. The ball park complex is in the completion stages and looks great - another great facility and asset for the Nation. I could go on and on but what is even better is for everyone to see for themselves.

I will end this article as always with a request for your contact information. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me, it is because I do not have your e-mail or mailing address. Please send contact information to Roy Slavin, 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, MO 64151 or call toll-free to 816-741-5767. The telephone is answered any time of day. You can e-mail me at RSlavin@Potawatomi.org or rjslavin@gmail.com. Migwetch, Roy Slavin

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens and Other Citizen Potawatomis,

By the time this column appears in hard copy in your homes, it will be late Spring. You'll need to be thinking about putting together your regalia for the Family Reunion Festival weekend at the end of June (it starts on Friday, June 29th) in Shawnee.

I just received the 2012 catalog for NocBay Trading Company, based in Escanaba, Michigan. There is a wonderful photo on the cover of Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Community member Billy Daniels and his third-grade daughter, Isabella, both in our traditional regalia. Their regalia utilizes appliqué, beadwork, hairpipe (made into a choker), fur (made into a bandolier and a turban), and feathers (fashioned into both an eagle wing fan and a lady's fan), among other traditional techniques and materials. Billy is Forest County's Justin Neely - Language Director and Teacher.

NocBay offers great items for your regalia-making and instructional materials for straightening and trimming feathers - and much more. You might want to check out www.nocbay.com or call 800-652-7192 for the catalog to be mailed to you. (I do not get a commission on purchases, just the future joy of seeing more of us entering the Dance Arena in regalia!)

Another source of similar items is Crazy Crow, at 800-786-6210 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. central time during the work week, or online at crazycrow.com. Even closer to home, Julia Slavin, Rep. Roy Slavin's lovely wife, makes affordable, custom ribbon shirts for men and fringed shawls for women and happily works with customers by phone or mail. Please contact her through Roy's contact details printed at the end of his legislative column.

Peggy Kinder also will work with you to create regalia that you will treasure and that you can pass down to your relations. Her dresses, shawls and sashes, beautifully worked with ribbonwork, are on display in the Cultural Heritage Center; she is that good. Peggy can be reached at 816-453-6375 or pkinder@kc.rr.com. You also can find wonderful seamstresses in Ginger



Johnson, Theresa Talbot, and Margaret Zientek. These Potawatomi women/CPN managers can be reached through the Nation's main switchboard at 800-880-9880.

For your interest, I am including at the end of this column a Grand Entry photo taken last year in Shawnee. It features Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Legislator Dave Carney, and me. (Julia Slavin made Dave Carney's ribbon shirt, and Margaret Zientek made my blouse, shawl, and skirt; Peggy Kinder made my leggings). I am also including a photo of other pieces by Peggy Kinder (a vest, aprons, and trailer).

A couple other things regarding the Festival. District #2 will again "represent" in the Handgames Competition on Friday night. I will have special t-shirts for participants; the bragging rights will be extreme. The game is easy to learn and a lot of fun; instruction is provided, and you can win cash! Please let me know if you and other family members want to participate. Two photos of last year's District #1 team members also appear at the end of this column.

You might know that each year at the Festival the Nation honors a group of its Founding Families with reunion banners, honor dances, and the like. The 2012 honored families are Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer,



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Toupin, Wano, and Yott. Quite a few Pettifers and Ogees have told me already that they are attending.

If you are attending and would like to reserve a campsite or recreational vehicle site, you can do so through the Tribal Rolls Department at 800-880-9880 (ask for Charles Clark) or via cclark@potawatomi.org. Chuck Clark will take good care of you!

There will also be election balloting at the Reunion. No candidates filed to oppose the Oklahoma legislators who were up for election this year (Paul Schmidlkofer and Paul Wesselhoft) so there is no representative contest on the ballot, but a budget provision will be. I urge you to vote either by absentee ballot or, if you'll be in Shawnee, during the Family Reunion Festival, through in-person voting on Saturday at the Tribal Courtroom in the CPN Administration Building. Voting is an important right and responsibility, and I hope you will exercise your vote.

Next year I am up for reelection and I will be writing to ask you for your vote.

I also want to remind you that the deadline is fast approaching for entries to the latest District #2 (third annual) photo contest (it is April 15th). A reminder of the rules:

This year's contest theme is "A Good Woman." I will be the sole judge in the contest. Send me a photo that fits the theme. You are invited to use your creativity and imagination, as in past contests. The prize is the winner's choice of a large Potawatomi flag, like the one each legislator proudly displays in his/her office, next to our American flag, or a Pendleton briefcase. You don't have to live in District #2 to win. Contest deadline is April 15th, and I will publish entries in the May column and on my website (giving the photographers their photo credit!). You can send the photos by e-mail attachment or in the regular

U.S. mail. Multiple entries from one photographer are welcome.

On the Legislative front, in late February we had a productive quarterly Legislative meeting, which is archived on the potawatomi.org website (click on Government, then on Legislature). Videos of the meetings now will be made available within a few days of our meetings, posted to the website, along with the agenda and resolutions considered (we are no longer broadcasting a live feed).

Please note that, as specified in our Constitution, Legislative meetings are held the last Thursday in each of February, May, August and November unless otherwise provided by Legislative resolution. During the February meeting, we approved financial details for, and are moving ahead with, our plans to build a first-class hotel and entertainment venue incorporating the FireLake Grand Casino. You will see "grand" building progress if you attend the Family Reunion Festival this June. By the way, you might enjoy checking out the entertaining website for the casino at www.FireLakeGrand.com.

There's so much more to cover, but I am trying to keep this column on the brief(er) side. So I will only add my request that you send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail by e-mail endeavor. Make sure you are included!

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho (Hello),

This month, I need your help! Not just District #3 Potawatomi Citizens, but every single voting-age member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In 2011, Indian Health Services initiated a survey in the US to determine where to put several new Indian Health Service facilities. The city of Houston, Texas is one of those cities.

I receive regular calls from Texas CPN members who don't have medical insurance and are looking for medical care. In Texas, we have IHS facilities in Dallas, the El Paso area, and Eagle Pass, but nothing in South Texas. In the six-county area that includes Houston, there are more than 40,000 Native Americans. Many are Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members.

Houston has the highest percentage Native American population compared to all other cities under consideration.

Next month, IHS will take its recommendations to our U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. for a decision on city selection and funding for the new IHS facilities.

We need for you to write to your Federal elected officials and state the fact that Houston needs to get its own IHS facility. The reasons are: 1) it has the highest percentage population of Native Americans among the cities being considered and 2) as an ethnic group, Native Americans have a very high incidence of health issues and have minimal access to health care.

It is very easy to reach your elected officials, and you can do it by e-mail. Go to www.USA.gov. Then click on "Find Government Agencies." Highlight that and select "Federal Government."

Once there, click on "Legislative Branch." After that, you can go to the Senate group and select "Senate Home Page" or the "House Home Page" for your respective representative. On the Senate page, the Senator can be looked up by State. On the House, page you can find your representative by using your full nine-digit ZIP code, for example, 76021 2467. The boxes for this final piece of needed information will be at the right, near the top of their page.

I urge you to write to the three individuals who represent you your two senators and your member of the House of Representatives. They owe it to all of us to provide health services. It was in many of the



various treaties between the U.S. government and Native American Nations. Although the number of Citizen Potawatomi Nation members in Houston might not be more than a few hundred, when it comes to IHS facilities, all of us are in this together. We need to all push for these services.

Our Chairman has said over and over that we CPN members are all related. You have cousins and possibly other relatives in the Houston area, some of whom need this service. So please, take the time to write and ask your U.S. congressional representatives to tell the BIA and IHS that Houston needs to have a health service facility.

Keep in mind that not every state has a need for an IHS facility. But, congressmen and congresswomen in even those states that lack IHS facilities will be casting a vote. It is the swing votes that can make the difference, and if you live in one of those states, your request might be the one that results in Houston ultimately being selected. So please, support this effort!

In another area, post cards have been sent out to each person in District #3 for whom we have a regular mailing address. The card announces that I will host beading classes in April and May. The class sizes will be limited. So please send me an e-mail advising which class you would like to attend.

Classes will be held in the Houston area, most likely the Woodlands vicinity, San Marcos, and Bedford. The card provides the exact dates. I need to know who and how

many will attend and if they are adults or children. The instructor has limited each class to 10.

In the event we don't get enough respondents, we will cancel and attempt to reschedule at another time. I also considered the Abilene area, but didn't know if we could come up with enough participants. If you are in that area and are interested, drop me an e-mail. If there is enough interest, we can schedule a class there.

I want to thank each of you who are able to assist me and your fellow members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for any e-mails you send to gain support in having an Indian Health Service facility placed in Hous-

ton, Texas. I am honored and proud to be the representative in District #3 and thank you for giving me this opportunity. I strive to serve you well, and should you need anything, please call me or send me an e-mail. I will respond!

Bama pi (Later),
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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Bozho,

It does not seem like we have had any winter in Kansas, and I am sure many of you feel the same way.

I looked back at the recent months to events that are happening in Kansas before writing this article. As a representative of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, I am very mindful that we do not have any tribal lands in Kansas. However, we have more than 2,500 CPN tribal members who are also citizens in Kansas. I was on hand for Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's signing two proclamations, the first on November 16, 2011 and the most recent on February 8, 2012.

The first proclamation reads:

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GEET-INGS

WHEREAS, for a millennia, Native Peoples have honored, protected and stewarded this land of Kansas we cherish, and Native Peoples are a spiritual people with a deep and abiding belief in the Creator, and for millennia Native Peoples have maintained a powerful spiritual connection to this land; and

WHEREAS, too often in our Nation's dealings with Native Peoples there was a spirit of deception, a desire to mislead to gain advantage; and

WHEREAS, the United States forced Indian tribes and their citizens to move away from their traditional homelands and onto federally established and controlled reservations, four of which are in Kansas, and many Native Peoples suffered and perished during the execution of the Federal Government policy of forced removal:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brown-

back, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim and recognize the special legal and political relationship Indian tribes have with the State of Kansas and the solemn covenant with the land we share, and commend and honor Native Peoples for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected the land of Kansas, and expresses regret for former wrongs and apologize on behalf of the people of Kansas to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, deception, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples, and resolve to move forward with the recognized tribes in a positive and constructive relationship that will help us fairly and effectively resolve differences to achieve our mutual goals and harmoniously steward and protect this land we call Kansas.

The second proclamation, signed on February 8, 2012, reads;

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Native Americans were the first human inhabitants of the land that is now the state of Kansas and

WHEREAS, We honor the contributions of Native Americans that have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim February 8, of 2012 as the first Native American Day at the Capitol in Kansas and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

It was my pleasure to be invited to the Native American Day event by the sponsor, Ponka-We Victors, the first Native American woman in the Kansas Legislature. I



At left, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signs a proclamation declaring February 8, 2012 Native American Day at the Kansas State Capitol. CPN Rep. Theresa Adame is second from left. At right, Rep. Adame poses with Kansas State Rep. Ponka-We Victors.

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello,

There is so much to talk about and so many things to share that it is difficult to decide what you think the most important things are. So, I decided to take this opportunity to remind you of all the benefits you as a tribal member have through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

This article will concentrate on Education as it is the survival of any culture. We have educational benefits that anyone can apply for twice each year which – no later than December 15th for spring and June 1st for summer and August 15th for fall. There are no age limits imposed on education assistance, and with that it carries many additional benefits when you use your diploma, certification, or degree programs in the work world. In these difficult times we are finding the requirements and expectations for job searching or career training have

met her for the first time on the day of the event. As she stood in the chambers addressing the Kansas Legislature in full regalia, I loved her first statement: I know many of you see me every day dressed very differently, but I wanted you to know that this is who I really am.

She is familiar with our tribe as she danced at our pow-wow years ago when it was open to the public. I hope to give her a tour of our Nation so she can see all of our changes.

I am going to make a personal effort this year to learn more of our language, and I hope some of you will join me. If you would like to receive the Potawatomi language word of the week, just drop me an e-mail to be added to the list.

Theresa Adame
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rised significantly.

This is an exact copy of the requirements for Tribal Rolls Scholarships:

Description: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Rolls Scholarship is open to enrolled Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal

members. You must demonstrate financial need to be eligible for this award. To retain this renewable award, you must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Applicable Majors: All Fields of Study
Times have changed. Now potential employers will first see you online, if you do not have a personal networking system in place. They will determine by the information in front of them on paper before it will be determined if you will be called for an interview.

So, take this seriously. If you need to go to school, got back to school, update your education or computer skills, please take the time to do it now. It isn't going to get easier with time.

My mother decided at age 83 that she wanted to go back to school and take a computer class. She asked if I thought she was silly for thinking such thoughts. I laughed and replied, "You obviously forget what I do. If you decide to go to school I will buy you a computer," I said. So, she did, and I did – buy the computer for her.

She told me she wanted a laptop, and I suggested she may want to consider a desk-top because it might be easier for her to use. "Are you telling me what ... I ... want?" She asked. "Oh my goodness, no," I replied. "I know better than to do that after

all these years."

Long story short, she can now e-mail her family and see pictures of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. It was a small price to pay for the privilege.

My point here is that education is always important. The older you become, the more important it becomes. However, that can be true for different reasons; it allows the person to create new neuropathways to keep us mentally active and sound.

The next thing I run into on a daily basis is the expense of education and the time needed to be successful. My comments are always, "Yes, education is expensive, and no education is more expensive."

We don't mind the house payments, car payments, and grocery bills but think ourselves and our improvement less important. Remember, they can take your house and your car, but they can never repossess your education. It is what you need to survive, now more than ever.

Go online and get a copy of the application and start your new life now.

Love you all,

Eunice Imogene 'Gene' Lambert
Legislator, District #5

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experience as enjoyable as possible. There are games galore, crafting, dancing, naming ceremonies and so on and so on. The tribal grounds are beautiful, and there is so much progress and development from year to year. I promise you will leave with a sense of connection and pride like you've never had before.

The deadline for Summer Scholarship Applications is nearing. You must have your application and supporting documents submitted by June 1. The CPN Scholarship Program is administered by Tribal Rolls. Visit www.potawatomi.org for complete information and downloadable application forms. I know I am repeating myself but I never get tired of saying that so many of our members have benefited from this program. I hear countless stories from our members of how the tribe helped make it financially possible for them to obtain their degree. It does my heart good every time I hear one of these stories so please take advantage of this valuable resource.

If the name Kylie Lowe sounds familiar to you, it may be that you read about her in my August 2011 column. Kylie is a District #6 Potawatomi and was selected to participate in last year's Potawatomi Leadership Program. From what I have heard, all of our Leadership Program students benefit in a multitude of ways from the program. Kylie described her experience as very rewarding, particularly in the area of learning about the Potawatomi culture and language. Kylie found learning about our tribal government and how it interacts with the membership of the tribe to be quite interesting as well.

The Potawatomi Leadership Program is currently limited to eight students, and the

deadline for submitting your application is May 1. So, you better hurry if you plan to apply. Detailed information and a downloadable application form can be found at www.potawatomi.org; click on the Culture link.

If you are a District #6 Potawatomi student and you are applying, I would like to hear from you. If you know of a Potawatomi student in District #6 who is applying, please have him or her get in touch with me. While I have absolutely no part in the selection process, I would like to reach out to our Potawatomi students interested in the Leadership Program to encourage them. Our tribe is growing by leaps and bounds and will continue to have need for great leaders.

I am greatly honored to serve you and I want to thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to talking to you or seeing you soon. Again, please contact me if you are planning on attending the Family Reunion Festival or if you are applying to the Potawatomi Leadership Program. My contact information is listed below.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." - James 3:13

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District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho Nikan,

So ... what's happening the last weekend of June this year? Yes; that's right! It's the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Folks, unbelievable but that's just a few months away. I realize that getting from California to Oklahoma is not just a hop, skip, and a jump. And, no doubt, the current economic climate has caused most of us to tighten our wallets. But, there are still (as of this writing) round-trip flights available for less than \$300. For those near LAX, American Airlines is offering round-trip, non-stop flights to OKC for \$263. That's relatively inexpensive considering the cost for a gallon of gas is nearly \$4.50 and predicted to go even higher!

As you might (or might not) know, each year several of our founding family names are honored. Doing this gives our members attending the Festival the opportunity to learn more about their ancestry as well as find and get to know other family members.



This year's list of honored families is: Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott.

If you are a descendant from any of these families and plan on attending the Family Reunion Festival this year, please let me know. Even if you are not a descendant of any of these founding families but you are planning to attend the Family Reunion Festival, please contact me. I want to connect with you and be available to help make the

District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

As your District representative, I receive inquiries all the time in reference to our tribal heritage and culture. One of the greatest gifts we can leave to our children is the knowledge of who we are and where we came from. The nation has made a wonderful website for the Cultural Heritage Center. It can be found at www.potawatomiheritage.org. A schedule of online language classes can be found from the Calendar link at the top. Please check it out and take the time to read the stories and learn more about your heritage. You will be glad that you did.

I also have Heritage information available on the District #7 website at www.MarkJohnsonCPN.com. Everything is there, from how to obtain a permit to possess Eagle feathers and the care of your feathers to how to ask to receive your Indian name. Most of the information is in a secure section of the website that requires a password for access. So, if you will send me a quick e-mail, I will gladly send you a password. If you have a specific topic that you need help with, you can always give me a call. I will be more than happy to help you with anything I can.

Also remember that the Family Reunion

Festival will be in Shawnee the last weekend in June (June 29 & 30 and July 1). If you have never attended or if it has been awhile, consider attending this year. You will find it one of the best experiences of your life. You will be able to visit the facilities and events that help make our Nation great, from our new state-of-the-art bowling center to our General Council meeting, where you can watch your government at work.

You will also have an opportunity to see for yourself the growth that the nation is undergoing. It is through the growth of the nation's enterprises that we will be able to fund future benefits for our members both inside and outside Oklahoma, when the time is right to do so.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always, give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact



information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Greetings from Olympia, WA,

It seems hard to believe that spring is around the corner, especially if you are coping with 100 inches of snow as Randy Kimpton, a District #8 member living in Anchorage, has done. But there are some Potawatomi signs that the weather is improving. Folks are planning for ceremonies, get-togethers, and the Family Reunion Festival.

Recently, I've been contacted by two members for information and support with upcoming Naming ceremonies they are planning. This is exciting because both of the 'Nammers' are women I had the privilege of giving their Potawatomi names to in the past. One of the women is naming her mother and aunt in Anchorage; the other is an Oregonian naming family members in Northern California.

The Citizen Potawatomi have no medicine people; we believe that the ceremonies belong to all of the people and that anyone who receives his or her name can name others. This has drawn some criticism. However, I believe that ceremony and culture are only alive through use, and while I am not an expert, I am happy to share what I



know with any tribal members.

At the heart of the Naming ceremony is respect. When asking for a name from a fellow Potawatomi, it is tradition to give a gift of tobacco and to ask in a respectful manner to be given a name. That means not only the words, but the timing.

If you request a name, be sure to give the namer time and information that will allow him or her to come up with a meaningful and appropriate name through thought and prayer. Never tell the person the name you want, you are not being respectful if you are assuming that role. Also, don't feel bad if

the namer declines your request for a name. The namer may choose to give back your gift of tobacco, and is under no obligation at that point.

One last thing about respect and the naming ceremony: tribal members, family members, and close friends should be the only ones in attendance. This is not a spectacle or an anthropological study. This is your ceremony and is a link to your past, your Nation, and your Creator.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is growing. On Thursday, February 23rd, the legislature met via our teleconferencing equipment. One of the items voted on was the Winter enrollment of 19 new tribal members in District #8 alone. We are now 29,000-plus strong and reported to be the ninth-largest tribe in the United States.

I am in the process of planning a District #8 get-together in Portland in late April or early May. I am close to selecting a venue for a fun and educational evening to share a meal, look at some cultural items, and watch the revised "Trail of Death" video. This film is a documentary of our band's forced removal from Indiana to Kansas in

1838. The story is told through still photos, some of the paintings of George Winter, and some historic re-enactment (starring some of the Nation's staff). This was one of the pivotal events in our history.

Please don't forget that the Family Reunion Festival is scheduled for June 29 and 30 and July 1 and that the honored families for 2012 are Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott.

In closing, I'd like to say "Migwetch" to the members of District #8 who have donated funds to send Charisa, our eighth-grade honor roll student, on an educational trip from Washington State to Washington, D.C. this upcoming summer. Donations were received from Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and Montana. If you would like to donate, there is still time. Please contact me.

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

The Path of Our Soul: My Prayer for the Potawatomi Nation

Great Spirit of the land, the sea, the sky,
Whom we now know to be
Our Father who art in heaven;

Great Spirit, giver of life, of meat, of fire,
Hallowed be thy name.

We stand on this land battered, bruised
But beholding for the journey of our
tribe, The path of our soul.

Though deceit, duplicity laid before us,
Death at our feet,

You sustained us.
Gave us a sovereign place
In your turbulent world.

With arduous labor and immense pride,
We have rebuilt a nation
Praiseworthy to pass on to our posterity.
And we still seek your wisdom and way.
Today, we stand erect but head bowed
For your goodness, glory and grace.

Paul Wesselhöft
Representative, District #9



FireLake Gifts
Inside the CPN Cultural
Heritage Center
Pendleton Blankets, Bead-
ing Supplies, Art, Books,
and much, much more

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

What are we allowing to be given up without a fight? When looking at our society as a whole, you will see that by the use of "In my opinion," or by being a comedian, people in the political arena are allowed to say things without the liability of being sued, for the most part.

Where is the responsible accountability for our actions?

We try to raise our children from what was sound, proven ground. But, it is to no avail as we watch our principles fade, little by little and over time. Now we won't even be able to recognize what was the original, because it has faded away.

Christianity seems to be taboo in the work-place, any educational setting, and politics.

Allow me to cite part of an article written by Lylah Alphonse about two British women who claimed that they were discriminated against when their employers told them to stop wearing their crosses:

"In the United States, freedom of speech and freedom of religion are political buzzwords, most recently heard in regard to women's health issues. But in Europe, some people are fighting for the right to honor their faith as they see fit. In a landmark case, the European Court of Human Rights will decide whether employers have the right to stop Christian employees from wearing crosses at work.

"According to the British newspaper, The Telegraph, the argument hinges on the fact that, unlike the Muslim hajib, the Sikh turban, or the Jewish Yarmulke, wearing of the cross is not a requirement of the Christian faith and therefore not protected by law.

"What about wearing an eagle or turtle? Will that impose one's religious beliefs upon the general public?

"But, as with the first amendment of the United States Constitution, the law protects a person's right to practice his or her faith, not the right to impose it on others. (The U.S.' separation of Church and State actually has to do with preventing the government from interfering with religion, not the other way around.) It is unclear whether wearing the cross could be considered imposing one's religious beliefs upon the general public.



"The phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on U.S. money do not violate the Constitution's separation of church and state, a federal appeals court has ruled in San Francisco.

"The Pledge is constitutional,' Judge Carlos Bea wrote for the majority in the 2-1 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel. 'The Pledge of Allegiance serves to unite our vast nation through the proud recitation of some of the ideals upon which our Republic was founded.' The panel ruled 3-0 on the money motto."

The challenges were filed by Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow. He argued the references to God disrespect his beliefs and are unconstitutional.

I did some research on what the judge said about the wording "which our Republic was founded." From Susan Van Volkenburgh's books, I want to recall how In God We Trust came about.

But my eyes are toward You, O God the Lord; in You do I trust and take refuge; pour not out my life nor leave it destitute and bare. Psalm 141:8

"The year was 1864. The Civil War that had torn our country apart over the past four years was coming to a close. This Bloody Conflict had lain waste the nation, especially the southern states, leaving harsh feelings and economic devastation. It was during this period of war and reconstruction, this time when the nation struggled to reconcile the past and unify the country that Congress had imprinted on every coin, these words: 'In God We Trust.'

"The reason behind this addition to our money was to encourage the nation, to re-

mind all those suffering that they did not have to endure their difficulties alone - for God could always be counted on to hold them up during those trying times. Salmon P. Chase, the U.S. Treasury Secretary under President Abraham Lincoln, wrote that 'no nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins.'

"The phrase In God We Trust is a shortened version of Francis Scott Key's famous poem, The Star Spangled Banner. The last stanza reads: "...And this be our motto: In God is our trust. And, the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Look at some of the things that are going on right now: An American flag was flown with a picture of a person where the stars are; Political correctness has gone too far; Handshakes to seal a transaction are bygone; Medicare fraud is known to both parties and nothing still is being done to correct this problem; and, What about the shooting of two eagles allowed for the Arapaho Indian ceremony?

Now, as our nation struggles, there are those who desire the removal of certain

things from our nation's buildings and currency and documents. Economic disaster, moral bankruptcy, spiritual and familial decline, our nation continues to contend with difficulties that devastate the emotional stability of our people. If ever we needed to be reminded that God is there for us, it is now.

Every Legislative session that our Citizen Potawatomi Nation conducts, we have roll call followed by the Chairman offering a prayer for our nation. Every meeting of the Citizen Potawatomi Veterans Organization, we pledge our allegiance to the American Flag and follow that with a prayer.

I know as a Christian that we know what our faith is, and we don't have to broadcast it; however, I do feel that if we don't stand up for certain rights and privileges they soon will be fading away. Some things have come about for the good of society; but, let us be aware of those that change our nation dangerously.

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Attention: CPN Veterans

I am a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training by certified VA services officers. If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

**C. 'Rowdy' Yates
TVR/ODVA/VFW
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Viet Nam 1968-1969**

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

The WIC program provides nutritious supplemental foods to program participants using vouchers. The WIC program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical stages of a child's growth and development.

For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South Oklahoma City Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173; Prague, McLoud, and Perkins, Sarah Dailey, 800-880-9880.

District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho Nikan,

Well, we are having an early spring this year after a mild winter. This weather has me wanting to get outside and get busy with yard work and other outside chores. After last winter, it has been a welcome change. I suspect I'm not the only one who has appreciated it. The Nation will start preparing for the Family Reunion Festival before long. I always take pleasure in seeing all the tribal members. Let's hope this fair weather holds up through the end of June.

We just finished another quarterly meeting recently. There are lots of good things happening for the nation. It appears the foundations laid in the past are paying off. When your return to the complex you will likely see lots of changes. Most notable will probably be the new water tower. You should see it well before you get here. It stands as a statement to the long progress we have had. I believe some of the elders who have watched the transformation will remember how our little corner of the world was before the growth started.

We are still a long way from where we want to be, but I believe there is a clear vision now. We need to prepare for our future. We hope that long-standing relationships stay in place with our governmental partners. But, I think the days of expecting them to support us for eternity are long gone. So, hopefully, as we build, we will be creating a tribal government that will be here 100 years from now.

It's that time of year when many of our young members are looking at graduating from high school. Hopefully, they've nar-



rowed their future down. Many will be going off to college next year. Some may be exploring career training.

I want to remind you of the Nation's scholarship program. It is one of our best benefits to anyone considering additional education. It is based purely on your being a tribal member. Please contact Charles Clark in Tribal rolls for an application and get it in as soon as possible. Early application helps assure funding in timely manner. I can think of no better way to help our members than helping them achieve higher skills that will help find better employment for life.

As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.

Migwetch,
Paul Schmidlkofer

District #13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho Nikan,

I hope all is well with you and your families. This edition should be getting to you as our 2012 Family Reunion Festival approaches.

Many of you are already making plans to attend. But, if you are not, I encourage you to do so. Last year was the first year my children participated in Grand Entry with me, and I do not have the words to describe the pride I felt as we danced around the Pow Wow grounds.

It is an incredible tribute to our traditions

and history, and I encourage each of you and your children to participate. If I can help with any questions about the proper regalia or anything else, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at BBowden@Potawatomi.org.

As every year, the days will be filled with activities for all ages. Chess and checkers, softball, golf, swimming - and another important thing that takes place during festival is voting! You should have already received your request for an absentee ballot to use if you are unable to attend

and vote in person. Please return the request so your ballot will be sent to you. It is so important to make your voice heard!

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you at the festival this year! Please take the time to register and come and be a part of this wonderful event!

Thank you for the honor of serving!
Migwetch,
Bobbi Bowden
Representative, District #13

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Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho Nikan,

In mid-March, the undefeated (29-0) Shawnee Lady Wolves basketball team beat Tulsa East Central to win the Oklahoma Class 5A State Championship. Several Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees have relatives on the team. In fact, three parents, two grandparents, and one aunt of various Lady Wolves are employed at the Nation.

Leslie Cooper, who manages the Wellness Center, is the mother of two Lady Wolves, Taylor and McKenzie Cooper. Their grandmother, Judy Cooper, works for the Nation at First National Bank & Trust.

Leslie Grovey, mother of Kelsee Grovey, works in the Accounting Department. Susan Brooks, mother of Hannah Brooks, works as an aerobics instructor at the Wellness Center.

Joe Clay, who is employed by the CPN Transportation Program, is the grandfather of Bailey Taylor. Carol Clay-Levi, the director of Employment and Training, is Bailey's great-aunt. And, Elliott Clay, who is Bailey's uncle, does video production for the Public Information Department on a free-lance basis.

I would like to congratulate all the Lady Wolves for their supreme effort in earning the state championship honor. Congratulations, too, to those proud relatives and loyal spectators in the community.

As most non-school league teams wound down their basketball season in February and early March, many tribal member play-



ers and their relatives flooded gymnasiums throughout Oklahoma and local communities. If you are a true basketball fan, it is a very exciting time.

Watching the little folks display their enthusiasm for the game can especially be entertaining. For me, one of the best parts of attending weekend basketball games and some evening games was the fact that many tribal members and CPN employees were in attendance. At tournament time, any given gymnasium in the local area appeared to contain a CPN event.

I have included a picture of one of my five grandsons, Scout Capps, and tribal member, Kade Self, after they won the championship league game at Luther, Oklahoma. Scout is the son of Aaron (Navarre

family) and Melissa Capps of McLoud. Kade is the son of Chad and Kim Self (Bourbonnais and Vieux families) of Shawnee. Kade's grandmother Delta Silas; aunt Tedda Hogan; and cousin Kurtis Silas also work for the tribe.

Most grandparents know that one aspect of the "fruits of our labor" is our grandchildren. If you are a grandparent who resides in Pottawatomie County and your grandchildren participate in various activities, you probably run into the same set of grandparents many times during the school year and during summer youth program season. This is just one of the many blessings of living in a small community.

I made a statement once during a local presentation that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation touches the lives of about 80 percent

of people in this area in some manner ... whether you are a tribal member, the spouse of a tribal member, a relative of a tribal member, an employee of the CPN, the relative of a CPN employee, a vendor of the Nation's enterprises, or someone else who does business with the Nation. I don't think that I am far off in that reference to 80 percent. In fact, the percentage may be a little higher.

Everywhere you look in the surrounding community, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has a presence ... even in the arena of sports.

As usual, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps



Five Class 5A State Champion Lady Wolves are related to CPN employees. From left are Lady Wolves Coach Wendi Wells, Hannah Brooks, Kelsee Groveve, Bailey Taylor, Taylor Cooper, and McKenzie Cooper.



And, here, from left, are the coach, players, and CPN employee/relatives: Coach Wendi Wells, Hannah Brooks, Susan Brooks, Taylor Cooper, Leslie Cooper, McKenzie Cooper, Leslie Groveve, Kelsee Groveve, Joe Clay, Bailey Taylor, Elliott Clay, and Carol Clay-Levi.

Kelsee Groveve and Taylor Cooper will play Division One college basketball a few miles from each other. Groveve has accepted a scholarship to attend Tulsa University. Cooper has accepted one from Oral Roberts University.

Two young Citizen Potawatomi athletes show off their trophies after their team won their league championship game at Luther, Oklahoma recently. At right is CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps' grandson, Scout Capps. Scout is the son of Aaron (Navarre family) and Melissa Capps of McLoud, Oklahoma. Kade is the son of Chad and Kim Self (Bourbonnais and Vieux families) of Shawnee. Kade's grandmother Delta Silas; aunt Tedda Hogan; and cousin Kurtis Silas also work for the tribe



Meet a Potawatomi: Gaye Tenoso

Gaye Tenoso, daughter of Bill and Marilou Powell, is a Deputy Director of the U. S. Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ). The OTJ establishes a single point of contact within the Justice Department for meeting the broad, complex federal responsibilities to all Indian tribes.

Tenoso says this of her service to justice and Indian Country: "...to me, there is no higher calling in the legal profession than protecting rights guaranteed by our laws and Constitution, and no more important institution in which to engage in those efforts than the U.S. Department of Justice. It has been my privilege to have worked at the Department to safeguard the rights of minority individuals and Indian tribes for more than a quarter of a century, first in the Civil Rights Division, and now in the Office of Tribal Justice."

OTJ also facilitates coordination among Departmental components working on Indian issues, and provides a permanent channel of communication for Indian tribal governments with the Department of Justice. In cooperation with the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, OTJ also unifies the federal response of other Executive Branch agencies.

Tenoso has served with the U.S. Justice Department in the Civil Rights Division for 22 years. She served as a Tribal Attorney in the Educational Opportunities Section for three-and-a-half years, then transferred to the Voting Section.

Tenoso described her Voting Section service in these words, "My favorite experience in the Civil Rights Division was litigating cases under the Voting Rights Act. As the Supreme Court has observed, the



Gaye Tenoso

right to vote is our most fundamental right, as it is the right through which we preserve all our other rights."

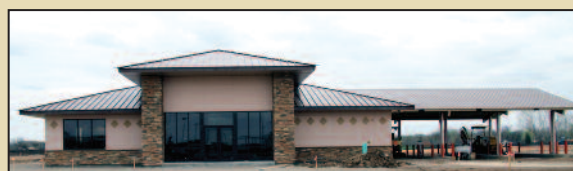
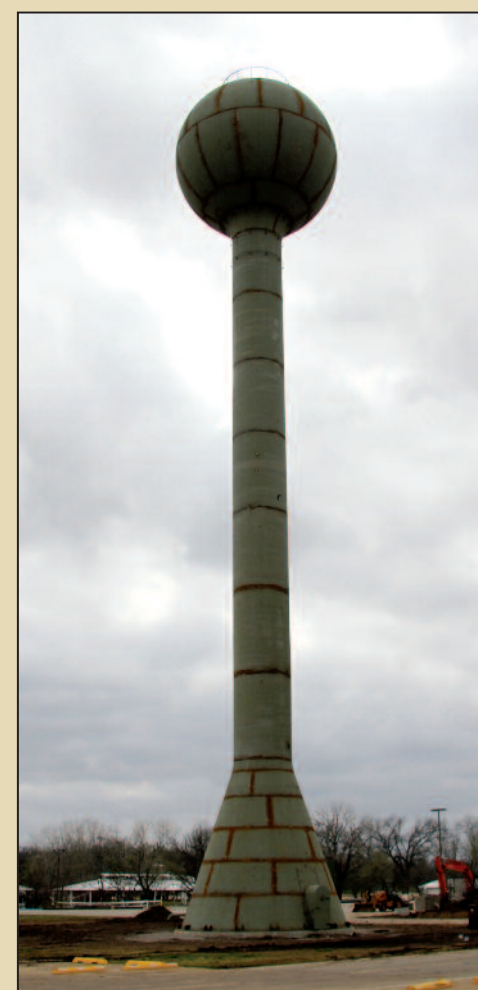
Tenoso's efforts have helped empower minority citizens across the country, from Latinos in Los Angeles County, which then had a population the size of three Congressional Districts, to American Indians in a North Dakota school district so small, the development of a remedy for the vote dilution caused by a method of election was aided by a door-to-door census.

When she left the Voting Section, Tenoso was a Special Litigation Counsel. Her responsibilities included running the Division's election monitoring program and supervising case development and litigation.

She began as a Trial Attorney in the Division's Educational Opportunities Section. In 1989, she was transferred to the Voting Section. In 1999, she sat at the appellants counsel table in a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2000, she was appointed as Special Counsel with re-

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POTAWATOMI PROGRESS





Work continues at a healthy pace on the many projects that are part of increasing the economic viability and independence of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

In the four photos down the left side of page 18, we see the very attractive entrance to the Ballfields at FireLake, the Nation's state-of-the-art six baseball/softball field complex. Below that is a photo of the complex's concession stand/announce booth. Then, you see two photos from action on the Ballfields' opening weekend in mid-March. Several tournaments have been contested since then, drawing players, coaches, and parents from miles around Shawnee.

The new, 14-story hotel being built at FireLake Grand Casino is now well on its way toward completion. The same can be said about the new south Shawnee branch of First National Bank.

The Nation's new 150,000-gallon, 168-foot-tall water tower, located just south of FireLake Discount Foods, awaits "prettying up" - a paint job that will feature the FireLake logo and the Indian-and-fire logo that was developed for the Community Development Corporation.

Construction is now underway on the FireLodge Youth Council's gymnasium-and-offices building. It's located immediately south of FireLake Wellness Center. That's the work being performed in the two shots in the upper left corner of this page.

Progress on the Nation's Eagle Aviary is seen in the two photos below the FireLodge gymnasium photos. The aviary is a mile east of the CPN Administration Building on Hardesty Road and about a half-mile north of Hardesty.

At top center, you see a different view of the 5,000-seat arena than has been presented in the HowNiKan. This is the southeast face of the facility. Below it is a photo of the recently-constructed FireLake Discount Foods addition, warehouse and cold storage capacity.

A few weeks ago, workmen refurbished the gasoline pumps at FireLake Convenience Store.

And, atop this column, these photos show the dirtwork that has been done in preparation for a beautiful new FireLake Golf Course clubhouse to replace the one that burned to the ground early in 2011.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has shown proven business success through innovative entrepreneurial development.

CPN ENTERPRISES:

FireLake Grand Casino/FireLake Casino
 FireLake Convenience Store
 FireLake Discount Foods
 FireLake Golf Course
 FireLake Mini-Putt
 FireLake Designs
 FireLake Gifts
 FireLake Grand Travel Plaza
 First National Bank and Trust Co.
 Legends 1450 KGFF
 Rural Water District #3
 Bowling Center at FireLake/San Remo's Pizza
 Ballfields at FireLake



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Gaye Tenoso, con't from page 17
 sponsibility for the Section's election monitoring program and for enforcing the language minority provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Her duties also included supervision of all the Voting Section's cases and matters arising in Indian Country.

After graduating from Georgetown University Law Center, Tenoso worked for a time in private

practice. Prior to that, she worked for seven years in the U.S. House of Representatives. "Working at OTJ is a dream job, especially now, when Executive Branch commitment to working collaboratively with Indian Nations on issues critical to Indian country is at an all-time high," Tenoso said.

As a Citizen Potawatomi, Gaye Tenoso is a member of the Ogee clan. She is married to Don Tenoso, a Lakota Sioux. Don Tenoso is a consultant for Indian artifacts with the Smithsonian Institute. The couple resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

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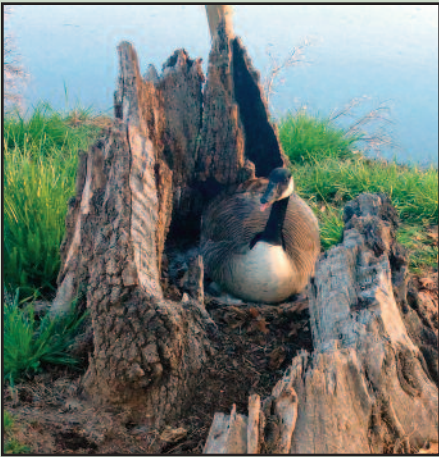
All Citizen Potawatomi tribal members residing in the State of Oklahoma who are registering a vehicle for the first time that vehicle is registered must do so in person. We apologize for any inconvenience; but this is for the protection of tribal members who have registered their vehicles with the Nation.

Please contact the Tag Agency at 405-273-1009 for information or to register your vehicle.

YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail. Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

THE GOOSE & THE GOLFERS



At left, Mother Goose guards her nest and five eggs. At right, a look at those soon-to-be goslings.

Most often, when athletes and sportsmen talk about goose eggs, they are referring to a zero on the scoreboard because, of course, it somewhat resembles a goose egg. But, these days, golfers who are enjoying 18 holes at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Golf Course mean goose eggs when they refer to goose eggs.

A Canadian goose has taken up residence in an old hollow stump near a bridge on the FireLake course. And, she is protecting five soon-to-be-goslings – five goose eggs.

Chris Chesser, CPN director of golf operations, says the situation has become a test of wills of sorts between the Mother

Goose and the golfers. "As close to the golf cart path as her nest is, she isn't happy (when the golfers pass nearby. She is avidly protecting that nest and those eggs," Chesser said.

Jennifer Randell, a CPN member who will manage the CPN's soon-to-open eagle aviary, has contacted Wildcare Rehab. Randell said that, following a suggestion from a Wildcare expert, fencing has been erected around the nest "to, hopefully, make everyone feel a little better."

There will be a HowNiKan update once the eggs are goslings.

CPN Royalty



CPN member Lexi Freeman daughter of CPN member and employee Felicia Freeman has been crowned Tecumseh, Oklahoma High School Basketball Queen for the 2011-12 season. She is accompanied by CPN member Blakely Sanchez, who is the daughter of CPN member and employee Nicole Sanchez.

HOME-OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority plans to purchase 13 homes with our federal Recovery Act funds. We will also offer a sizable mortgage buy-down.

This is a limited program.

These homes will be near the CPN tribal complex and its enterprises. The homes will also be in a price range that makes them affordable.

To be eligible for these homes the applicant must be:

- 1) enrolled in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.**
- 2) within HUD's current income-limit guidelines.**
- 3) making application to purchase the home as the occupant's primary residence.**
- 4) credit-worthy, according to the application guidelines of First National Bank & Trust of Shawnee.**
- 5) free of any felony conviction which includes all household members.**



The tribal member's total household income must qualify at the time of application and at the time of purchase.

For more information or an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager, CPN Housing, at 273-2833 or at SByers@Potawatomi.org.

Winnings to underwrite grandchildren's education

Woman wins \$455,000-plus at FireLake Grand Casino!



Janice Winters spends some quality time with the slot machine at FireLake Grand Casino on which she won \$455,856.20.

Shawnee, Okla. - When Janice Winters of Flint, Texas visits her son and grandchildren in Edmond, they always go to FireLake Grand Casino while she is visiting. She remarked that the people at FireLake Grand are "always so nice," and said that she really enjoys going there. However, her recent visit was exceptional. On Saturday, March 3, 2012, Ms. Winters won \$455,856.20 playing a Bally's Instant Fortune Wide-Area Progressive Slot Machine.

When asked about her plans for her winnings, Winters had a quick reply. She plans to take her grandchildren to Disney World this summer, set up college funds for the grandchildren, and put the rest of her winnings in savings.

"We are very excited for Ms. Winters," said Steve Degraffenreid, General Manager of FireLake Grand Casino. "The Bally's Instant Fortune progressive is attractive, the games are fun to play, and the jackpots for the game that Mrs. Winters was playing start at \$250,000, and go up."

When asked when the next wide-area

progressive jackpot will hit, Degraffenreid said, "Nobody ever knows but there is a trend of two occurring at the same property within 30 days. (There is) nothing scientific behind (that), just a trend I've noticed."

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, FireLake Grand Casino features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in the beautiful 125,000-square-foot facility, with the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games.

Six percent of the FireLake Grand's net gaming revenue goes to support the Oklahoma's public education from the games designated "Class 3, Oklahoma Compact." Dining options range from sizzling steaks at Embers Steakhouse to the exciting Grandstand Sports Grille and The Grand Buffet.

Construction is well underway on the new FireLake Grand Hotel, which will feature 250 luxurious suites and is set to open in Spring 2013. The Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178.

Historic Donation



CPN legislator Paul Wesselhöft and Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett display paintings that Rep. Wesselhöft has donated to the Nation, to hang in the CPN legislative Chamber. Rep. Wesselhöft holds an 1837 George Winter painting of D-Mouche-Kee-Kee-Awh, first wife of Potawatomi Chief Abraham Burnett. Chief Burnett was Rep. Wesselhöft's great-great-great-grandfather. Chairman Barrett holds a Winter painting. In the 1830s, Winter, an English painter, captured likenesses of Potawatomis, other Indians, and other residents of northern Indiana.

Cultural Heritage Center

Hello, all,

We are working on a project at the Cultural Heritage Center to prepare for Family Reunion Festival. We have been given approval to buy fabric for 50 camp dresses and 50 men's ribbon shirts. The plan is to make something available so that everyone who enters the dance arena is wearing regalia (or at least not wearing shorts, tanks tops, and flip-flops). We will have a class during Festival in which people can buy conchos, shells, and other accessories to personalize their dress or shirt.

We are looking for volunteers to help sew the garments. The fabric has all been cut out, so really we need sewers and some people to help iron the dresses, etc.

Volunteers may either come to the CHC

to work or pick up the pre-cut fabric to take home and sew. It is a nice service activity that also lets tribal members spend some time together.

There are samples made for anyone who wants to see if her sewing skills are advanced enough to take on the project.

If you have people in your CPN department or if you have family members who might be interested but have questions, or if they want to know if anyone else is here working on a given day, that person can call Penny Coates in the gift shop, Mary Powell at the front desk, or me. We can all be reached at 878-5830.

Thanks so much for your time.

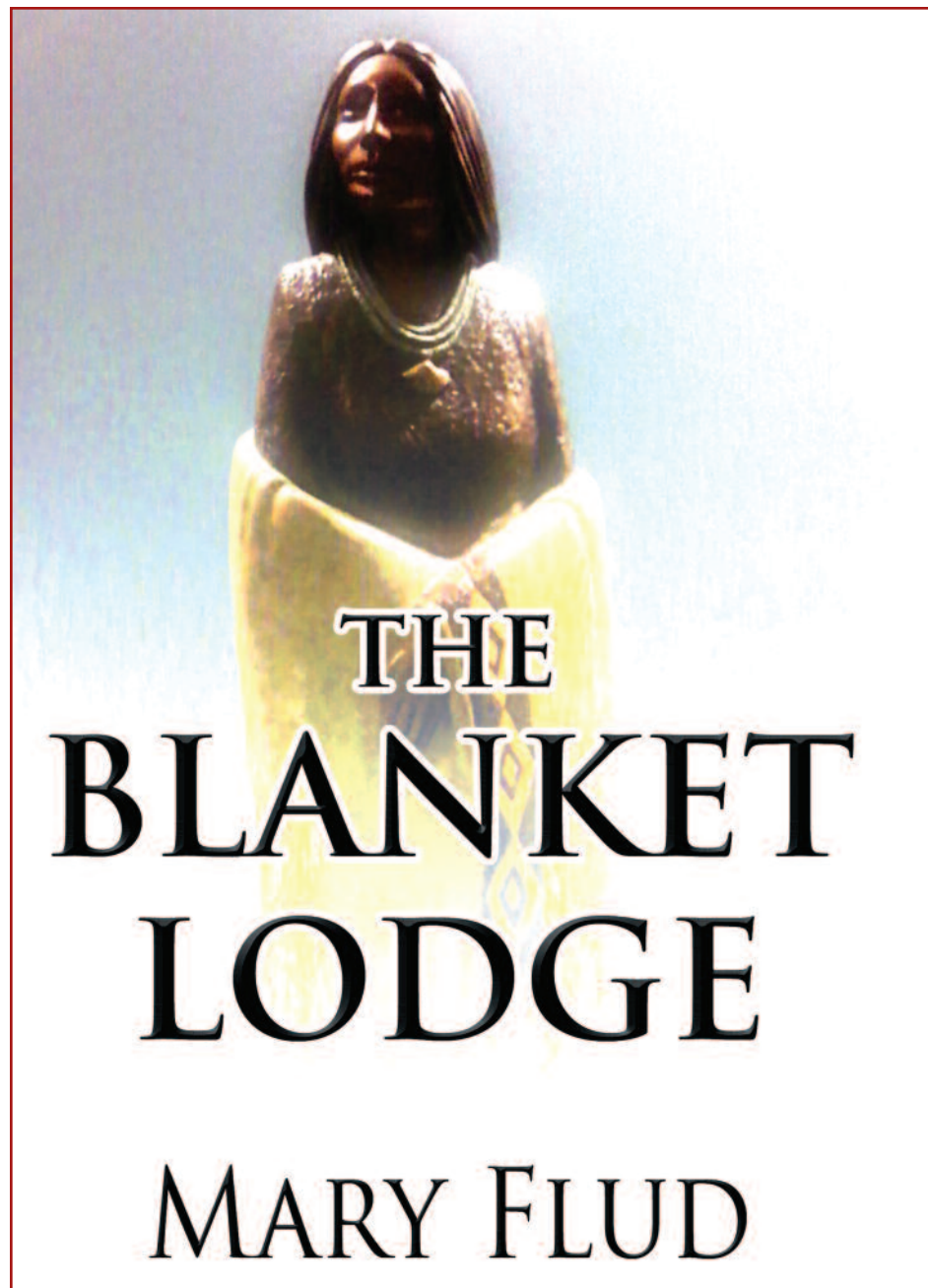
Kelli Mosteller

Director, Cultural Heritage Center

Family Reunion Festival 2012
June 29 & 30 and July 1

CPN member publishes fourth book

THE BLANKET LODGE BY MARY FLUD



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Mary Flud of Las Vegas has published her fourth book, the second in a current series. The third in that series is due by the end of 2012.

The new book by Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Mary Clark Flud, titled *The Blanket Lodge*, brings the beauty and meaning of medicine blankets to life. The history of the blanket is well known in Potawatomi culture. In the past, blankets carried the symbols of an individual's power ... their medicine.

Many times one blanket was the only possession someone had, and it became sacred to that person. Today, we use the blan-

ket to honor our tribal members by wrapping them in respect using a woven blanket of colorful threads to represent the symbol of unified family. Some of us still claim personal power through the symbols carried on our own medicine blankets and wear them in ceremony.

This story, *The Blanket Lodge*, is one of family commitment, sacrifice and struggle. It takes us on a journey highlighted by the wonderful wisdom of American Indian



ceremonies and ideals, reminding us of the intimate connection we have with the Earth and everything it supplies for our use.

The Blanket Lodge gives insight into the depth of love and capacity for strength every woman carries inside her. The story follows the survivors from the Valley of Rivers as the women and children make their way through individual and family challenges. Our Earth Mother, along with her plants, animals, and spirit guides, abound around the Women of the Red Mountain. Their lessons are learned by courage, strength of vision, and spiritual growth. In the relationships made and lost among these women, we discover how far a mother or sister will go to protect and love each other.

Mary Flud would tell you, "The Earth has something to teach you everyday when you stop and listen to her. If your eyes are right, you can see the reflection of your own beauty in what nature has created around you. Sometimes, we feel that change is being forced upon us and we are powerless. We forget that change is movement ... and movement is necessary to guide us forward to new freedom and experience. The discovery of our personal medicine and the ability to use it can seem challenging. However, with the challenges of learning who you are comes real strength of spirit."

"I believe women have great courage, and when they stand shoulder to shoulder to accomplish something, it is always a force to reckon with," Flud added. "Most of us have forgotten that we always have

something valuable to share."

The author asks us to imagine the support modern women could find in each other by forming a blanket lodge, where they can come together in the strength of their personal medicine and share their knowledge. "Imagine having faith in who you know yourself to be and having the courage to wear the symbol of your personal medicine for everyone to see, represented on the blanket around your shoulders. It would be a beautiful thing to experience," she said.

Flud says that writing this book has been a wonderful personal experience. As the story unfolded, she realized that the different character personalities were identifiable in the relationships of most family dynamics. "Our physical struggles are different today, but the emotional ones remain common and apparent even in our modern world," Flud said. "The lessons learned and the challenges overcome in this story are powerful. I am blessed to be able to pass them onto my readers."

The Blanket Lodge is the second book in a series depicting the saga of Joseph Silver Wolf. The third book in the series, titled *The Children of Red Mountain*, will be completed by the end of 2012. Mary Flud, a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, has written four books. All are available on Amazon.com and other on-line book stores, in paperback or e-book form. You can contact Mary Flud through e-mail at maryflud@aol.com.

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Potawatomi Cornerstone

by Charles Clark, Tribal Rolls Director

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation held its first art show and contest for tribal members and CPN staff from March 14 through 23, 2012 at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. The show was a success, with 29 members and employees entering 166 pieces of artwork. The quality of the entries was such that Cheryl Cozad, art director and teacher at Saint Gregory's University, was impressed.

The idea for an art show and contest began in January when I saw a need to bring artisans and craftsmen together for a common cause. The CPN family, including employees, has always been an artistic community, but little had been done to bring it all under one roof. What an impressive array of art in a variety of mediums was on display.

Entries came in in eight categories. Three judges offered their expertise - Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Lakisha Meade from the Economic Development Department, and the aforementioned Cheryl Cozad of Saint Gregory's University. Their task was to choose first, second, and third

place winners in each category. That proved to be a challenging mission. A "People's Choice" Award was also offered, to permit the viewers to participate in the contest.

Penny Coates, Manager of the FireLake Gift Shop, who comes from an incredibly talented family of artists, won the People's Choice purple ribbon for her photographic work entitled "Oklahoma Splendor."

These are the tribal members and CPN employees who received ribbons for their work in their selected mediums: Beadwork, Laura Weinstein (1st), Pat Tehauno (2nd), Pat Broiler (3rd); Sewing, Leslie Deer (1st), Gayla Mosteller (2nd), Margaret Zientek and Theresa Talbot (3rd); Sculpture, Penny Coates (1st), Pat Broiler (2nd); Mixed Media, Reva Wolf (1st), Donna Barnard (2nd), Laura Weinstein (3rd); Jewelry, Laura Weinstein (1st); Photography, Penny Coates (1st), Czarina Thompson (2nd), Cindy Stewart (3rd); Drawing, Shari Bell (1st), Donna Barnard (2nd), Don Whitaker II (3rd); and Painting, Beverly Fentress (1st), Charles Clark (2nd), Brandee Smith (3rd).

I want to thank all of the artists who en-



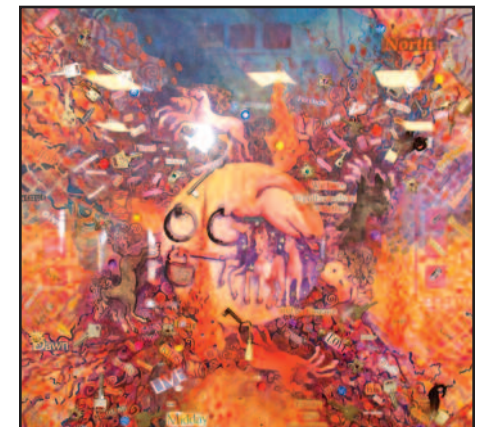
FireLake Gifts manager Penny Coates' photo collection earned her the People's Choice award in the CPN Members/Employees Art Show.

tered their work in the CPN Art Show and Contest. The work was top-drawer. The Cultural Heritage Center will host another show like this next year. Other similar shows are in the planning stages to display works by individual artists.

A thing to look for in the near future is the creation of the Potawatomi Astronomy Club. A grant request has been submitted for a Meade Telescope. The club will serve a dual purpose. First, a packet is currently being prepared to compile a history of Native American astronomical charts, observations, and cultural history. This curriculum will teach our fellow tribal members how astronomy was used culturally, in storytelling, as a practical matter in keeping time with the seasons, and in navigation. The second part will be observation through the use of modern technology.

I cannot guarantee that we will get the grant for the telescope, but there are contingency plans to have members donate their time and optical equipment to host star parties to ensure that the Potawatomi Astronomy Club gets off to a good start. I will keep you updated on this project.

Europe might have been the leader in creating the technology that paved the way for a closer look at the celestial sky, but it was the Native cultures in the western hemisphere that had a more scientific and sophisticated understanding of how the mechanics of the sky worked.



CPN member Beverly Fentress, at top, earned first place in the painting category.

Czarina Thompson, immediately above, a CPN member who works at the Cultural Heritage Center, took second in the photography category with a set of four photos titled "Alabama 1996".

An Evening of CITIZEN POTAWATOMI Culture

Saturday, May 5th, 2012 - 5:00pm to 8:30pm -Portland, OR

District #8 CPN members are invited

to dinner, a movie, and a virtual museum tour!

- Come view "Journey," a documentary about the 1838 Trail of Death. This is the story of our forced removal from Indiana to Kansas. *Journey* utilizes photos, paintings by George Winter, and historical re-enactments.
- Take a virtual tour of The CPN Cultural Heritage Center through a presentation created by Kelli Mosteller, the Director, and her staff in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Come join the other members of the District for a delicious buffet-style dinner, catered by Nawitka Catering, a 501c3 enterprise that provides work experience, training, and employment opportunities to Portland's Native American and Alaskan Native Community. Native American Youth and Family Center Cafetorium *5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland Bring a non-perishable food item for donation to Oregon Food Bank.

Please call or e-mail to RSVP* by April 25th - Legislator Dave Carney

Office Numbers: 877.335.4395 or 360.753.4395

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Family Reunion Festival
June 29 & 30 and July 1

Potawatomi Language Department

The Language Department traveled to Mayetta, Kansas on February 22 and 23 for Winter Story-Telling hosted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Language Department. There are a number of stories which are only supposed to be shared in the winter time.

This is especially true of Wiske or Nanabozho stories. Wiske, also called Nanabozho, is the trickster in Potawatomi mythology. He is also sometimes seen as a white rabbit. He is a trickster but also believed to be bringer of many of our ceremonies and important elements of life, such as fire.

Many of our traditional speakers still strictly adhere to this cultural taboo against telling Wiske/Nanabozho at any time other than winter. It is believed that, in the wintertime, the spirits are asleep. It's during this time that earth is covered by a snow blanket which is supposed to kill off the many viruses and illnesses.

After returning from Kansas, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Language Department hosted our own winter storytelling. We shared a number of stories including several which were recounted to us in Mayetta. We had a good turnout and had food as well for our story-telling session. Each one of the



At left, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council member Jancita Warrington gave the opening address at the E POK YAT-SOKAGNEN Winter Stories conference at the PBPB Bingo Hall. Some registrants from the nine Potawatomi nations and tribes, approximately 50 people total, attended the two-day event. A presentation and dinner concluded the conference at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

At right, Lillian Rice, from the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe, was a featured presenter and told stories in Potawatomi to the group. There were open mic stories and other presenters who also spoke.

At far right, a storytelling discussion at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Language Department event held at the Cultural Heritage Center after language department staffers returned from the conference in Kansas.



members of our department told a couple of different stories. Some stories were told in both Potawatomi and English while others were told only in English. We also acted out some of the stories and had videos of three or four of the stories.

Since the story-telling was a success, we hope to make this a regular event in the winter time so more of our people can learn some of these stories. There are a number of these stories which have been written down. If you are interested in reading a few of these stories, some good sources would be Basil Johnston, Schoolcraft, and Alanson

Skinner.

Keep in mind that we are not supposed to tell these stories except in the winter. It is important to remember and respect these kinds of cultural taboos if for no other reason than to honor our elders and ancestors.

Many of our stories have been written down as Ojibwe or Chippewa stories. At one time, perhaps as long ago as 500 or 1,000 years, our people the Ojibwe/Chippewa, Odawa/Ottawa, and Potawatomi were one people. Thus, our stories, material culture, and traditions are very similar, if not the same in some instances.

Even our languages are very close. Because there are more than 50,000 Ojibwe people throughout Michigan and Canada, sometimes it is easier to find sources for stories and such about them.

Some of our stories were used to warn against certain types of behavior or to explain the existence of a certain physical landmark or to help us understand why certain animals behave in certain ways or where they came from.

We hope that you will attend next year's story-telling event.

Stacie O'Bright-Brown files for County Clerk

CPN member enters race for Pottawatomie County elective office

A Citizen Potawatomi Nation member has entered the political race for Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma County Clerk. Stacie O'Bright-Brown is a lifelong resident of the county. Additionally, she is a 1989 graduate of Tecumseh High School and a 1993 graduate of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. She holds degrees in both mass communications and sociology.

O'Bright-Brown said, "I'm very pleased to announce my candidacy for Pottawatomie County Clerk. Having lived in Shawnee since 1995, I have a vested interest in this area and see my candidacy as an opportunity to make a difference in our community."

The candidate and her husband Brent, an employee of Eric's Pharmacy in north Shawnee, have been married for 11 years and have one daughter, Addison, age four,



Stacie O'Bright-Brown

who is a student at Grove School. Stacie's mother, Judy O'Bright, and her father, the late Bud O'Bright, have been lifelong resi-

dents of Pottawatomie County. O'Bright-Brown's two sisters also make their homes in Shawnee.

O'Bright-Brown has worked for the Pottawatomie County District Attorney's office for 15 years, where she has served as the victim/witness coordinator and currently serves as Legal Assistant and Supervisor in the Criminal Division. Her work has also led her to become a Certified Victims Advocate through Washburn College in Kansas.

In addition to membership in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she is a member of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association, and St. Benedict Catholic Church. She is treasurer for Shawnee Junior Service League and co-chaired its annual pumpkins project this past year. She has been a volunteer at the Pottawatomie County Volunteer Health Clinic since 2008.

"To me, customer service should be a top priority for the county clerk's office," O'Bright-Brown said. "My work experience has allowed me to serve those in our community, and I'm eager to continue that role in a new capacity. People who seek the help of a county office deserve the best from those who serve, and I aim to lead by example in the clerk's office."

O'Bright-Brown, a Democrat, will be on the ballot for the June 26, 2012 primary election.

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Woody Crumbo Centennial, con't. from page 1



'Scalp Dancer' is one of 14 Woody Crumbo 'Dancer' paintings exhibited at the Oklahoma History Center during February 2012.

ceive this national art award. The following year, he helped start the Philbrook Indian Annual, a national juried art show featuring the best of American Indian contemporary art at the time. Philbrook began acquiring many of their Native American art pieces during this period.

Crumbo became the Artist in Residence at the Thomas Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma during the late 1940s. He traveled extensively with Thomas Gilcrease,

purchasing art and artifacts, major acquisitions for the museum.

In 1978, Crumbo was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He was then appointed by the governor to the Oklahoma State Arts Council, where he served two terms; Gov. George Nigh also appointed him Ambassador of Goodwill for the State of Oklahoma.

Crumbo's many honors include induction into the Chilocco Alumni Association's

Hall of Fame and being named Artist of the West by the American Indian and Cowboy Association in San Dimas, Colorado.

Woody Crumbo passed away on April 4, 1989 in Cimarron, New Mexico. He was brought home to Oklahoma and interred in the Old Pierce Cemetery, Pierce, Oklahoma.

Crumbo's Importance to the Art World

Known for his award-winning etchings, silkscreens, and paintings, Crumbo pioneered the development of silkscreen printmaking with his stylized design and use of color. Crumbo's art career spanned more than 50 years, and his paintings are found in numerous museums and private collections around the world, including the Smithsonian, New York Museum of Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the collections of Winston Churchill and the Queen of England.

Woody Crumbo's Dancers & Ceremonies included 14 pieces that were on exhibit in the Chesapeake Events Center at the Oklahoma History Center during February 2012. This selection of artwork features his American Indian Dancer series composed of original silkscreens. These silkscreens were created during the 1950s after Crumbo's silkscreen business found success while he was living in Taos, New Mexico. In addition to his 13 stylized dancers, each depicting a unique tribal dance, the silkscreen "Peace Pipe Prayer" was also featured in this exhibit. Crumbo is credited with more than 1,200 one-man shows in his lifetime.

"I'm very proud to have learned the techniques of printmaking because it allows so many more people to appreciate the things that you have to offer ... I developed a series of prints, original silkscreens, and etchings, and I endeavored, as a one-man project, to educate as many American students as possible to Indian art." - Woody Crumbo

Crumbo's Importance to the Indian Community

"Half of my life passed in striving to complete the pictorial record of Indian history, religion, rituals, customs and philosophies ... a graphic record that a million words could not begin to tell." - Woody Crumbo

Crumbo was dedicated to the sincere portrayal of American Indian thought and culture through his art. The old stories, ceremonies, dances, and philosophy of the



Minisa Crumbo Halsey, center, Woody's daughter, poses with friends.

American Indians, of the forgotten full-bloods, is what Crumbo painted in his artwork - a tangible link to what those old people believed to be culturally important to future generations.

Woody Crumbo's 100th Birthday Celebration and June Exhibit 2012 mark the 100th Birthday of Woody Crumbo, renowned artist, flautist, and dancer. The Oklahoma History Center and Minisa Crumbo Halsey co-sponsored the Woody Crumbo 100th birthday celebration on January 31 at the Oklahoma History Center. The event featured 14 of Crumbo's pieces of art and a Scalp Dance demonstration led by Jim Anquoe.

In addition, a special program was held at the Chesapeake Events Center, led by Dr. Bob Blackburn, presenting a proclamation from Lt. Governor Todd Lamb to Minisa Crumbo Halsey, recognizing Woody Crumbo's accomplishments. Minisa Crumbo Halsey, daughter of the late Crumbo, gave a special presentation and shared her thoughts on the birthday celebration, her father, his life and art.

On June 21, the Oklahoma History Center and Minisa Crumbo Halsey will co-sponsor the new Woody Crumbo Centennial exhibit, showcasing Crumbo's artwork. The exhibit will include silkscreens, etchings, drawings, and paintings by the renowned artist. Crumbo's famous "Spirit Horse," along with his acclaimed "Spotted Wolf's Last Request," will be featured in the exhibit.

Minisa Crumbo Halsey is a talented artist as well. Her work has been shown throughout Europe and is in private collections. The exhibit will include some of her latest artwork in addition to that of her father.

For more information, visit www.okhistory.org/historycenter, or contact Tara Damon at 405-522-0784.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Realty Department

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Realty Department and the Southern Plains Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko, Oklahoma is searching for contact information for these Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who have or have had Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts.

If you are one of these CPN members or if you know one of them, please contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 888-678-6836. The Trust Beneficiary Call Center is open from Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Mountain Time.

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2012 CPN Family Reunion Festival Family Interview Schedule

FRIDAY JUNE 29

8:00am to 5:30pm All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

SATURDAY JUNE 30

TRIBAL HERITAGE 2012 HONORED FAMILY INTERVIEWS



STATION 1

ANDERSON

BERTRAND

OGEE

TOUPIN

YOTT

8:00am - 9:15am

9:30am - 10:45am

11:00am - 12:15pm

12:30pm - 1:45pm

1:45pm - 3:00pm

STATION 2

BEAUBIEN

BOURBONNAIS

PETTIFER

WANO

SUNDAY JULY 1

8:00am to 12:30pm All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

INVITATION NO. 25

NOTICE OF SALE OF DRY LAND FARMING AND/OR GRAZING LEASES TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2012 AT THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE SERVICES ON THE SALE OF FARMING AND GRAZING LEASES ON TRUST RESTRICTED INDIAN LAND TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 25, CFR 162.

SEALED BIDS, for Farming and Grazing leases on the following described tracts of land will be received at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) Office of Real Estate Services, until 2:30 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012. AN ORAL AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE BIDS ON SAME TRACTS. All bids received up to the hour of the sale will be opened at that time and leases awarded to qualified bidders offering the highest annual cash consideration, if such bids are deemed adequate and are acceptable. On a tract receiving only one bid, the bidder will be given one opportunity to improve the bid. All bids opened at the time of the sale will be taken under advisement and reviewed by Real Estate Services staff with successful bidders to be notified of the lease award by mail. All bids must be enclosed in separate envelopes addressed to CPN Department of Real Estate Services, 130 E. MacArthur, Suite 204, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804, and marked plainly “SEALED BID FOR DRY LAND FARMING AND/OR GRAZING LEASE SALE TO BE OPENED AT 2:30 P.M., MAY 7, 2012.”

NOTE: ITEM NUMBER OF BID MUST BE PLACED ON FRONT OF ENVELOPE.

ALL BIDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR. THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF ANY LEASE CONTRACT MADE ON AN ACCEPTED BID.

IMPORTANT TERMS:

1. The leases will convey exclusive dryland farming and/or grazing rights, subject to the reserved right of the lessor to grant business leases, oil and gas leases, rights-of-way, hunting leases/permits and other legal grants as provided in the prescribed lease form. HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS ARE NOT CONVEYED TO LESSEE.
 2. The lease will be for a term not to exceed five years (5) from January 1, 2013, unless otherwise specified and determined by the CPN Department of Real Estate Services.
 3. Leases approved pursuant to this notice will be executed and granted by the Southern Plains Regional Director, unless otherwise indicated. With the exception of single owner, the Indian owners of the particular allotment involved will not be required to sign the lease as the approving official signature granting the lease pursuant to Congressional Authority will adequately convey and lease the respective Indian owners' interest.
 4. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory surety bond, (letter of credit, cash bond, or certificate of deposit may be substituted for surety bond when application is rejected by the surety company) to be held at the Southern Plains Regional Office for the duration of the lease term.
 5. The successful bidder will be required to provide insurance in an amount adequate to protect any improvements on the lease premises.
 6. The Additional Lease Requirements (Revised 1976-SMC Stipulation Sheet) will be executed and made a part of the lease. Interested bidders are encouraged to confer with Land Operations Contractor, Walt Emory, relative to the land use or conservation program at phone numbers (405) 598-3757 or 598-3758.
 7. Bids shall be submitted on the regular lease bid sheet which is attached. Additional copies may be duplicated using the attached form.
 8. The following cancellation clause is to be made a part of the lease as noted: “ In the event the land is advertised for public sale and sold as a result thereof, the lease shall terminate at the end of the lease contract year following the lease contract year in which the land is advertised. The rental hereunder for the remainder of the term of the lease shall be reduced by an amount equal to the use value contributed by the portion or portions sold to the entire premises.” The Secretary shall be the sole and final judge as to the rental adjustment.
 9. A provision is incorporated in each lease contract granted as a result of this advertisement to the effect that the lessee agrees to release a portion or portions of the lease premises for homesites as required by the lessor or Regional Director.
 10. All leases will be drawn on an approved Department Form at the CPN Real Estate Services Office. Successful bidders shall return completed leases with all supporting forms and the lease fee amount within fifteen days from the date of Receipt of Lease Packet. (Additional time may be requested)
 11. Rentals are due and payable on January 1 of each year, unless an approved lease modification provides for a change in the schedule of payment.
 12. The following rate or schedule of fees on all leases will be required from the successful bidder before a lease may be approved.
ALL RENTALS: 3% - In no event shall the fee be more than \$500.00.
 13. ON THOSE TRACTS IN WHICH AN UNDIVIDED RESTRICTED INTEREST IS OFFERED FOR LEASE, BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND CONSIDERED FOR THE UNDIVIDED RESTRICTED INTEREST ONLY. THE PROSPECTIVE LESSEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RENTAL PAYMENT TO THOSE OWNERS OF THE UNRESTRICTED INTEREST.
ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE THE DAY OF THE SALE WILL SUPERSEDE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.
- Further information concerning this advertisement may be obtained by contacting Gus R. Porter, Realty Specialist, Department of Real Estate Services, 130 E. MacArthur, Suite 204, Shawnee, OK 74804, at telephone number (405) 395-0113 or 1-800-880-9880.

Charles P. Meloy - Director of Real Estate Services - Issued: March 5, 2012

BID ON FARMING AND GRAZING LEASE SALE # 25

DATE OF BID: May 7, 2012 - DATE OF SALE

Citizen Potawatomi Nation - Department of Real Estate Services - 130 E. MacArthur, Suite 204 - Shawnee, OK 74804

Sir:

Submitted herewith is my bid for farming and grazing lease on Indian land pursuant to your notice. Please return a copy to me after the sale, denoting whether my bid is accepted or rejected. Additional bid forms will be furnished on request. (Be sure to state number of years and amount to be paid.)

ITEM NO.:	AMOUNT PER YEAR: \$	YEAR(S):
ALLOTMENT NO.	ALLOTTEE NAME:	IMPROVEMENTS:

Minor improvement proposals will not be considered as a part of the Bid. The only improvements which can be considered are new boundary line fences which are constructed with all new material.

*I understand that the bid I am submitting is for the undivided restricted interest only. I understand that I am responsible for rental payment to those owners of the unrestricted interest.

Name of Bidder (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code & Telephone Number _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE SERVICES

The above bid for farming and grazing lease on Item No. _____ is Rejected: _____ Accepted: _____ Documents to follow. Under Advisement: _____.
Please advise if you have any questions, (405) 395-0113.

Date _____ Director, Department of Real Estate Services _____

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